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### The Kent Mills Co., Limited

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WATER COMMISSIONERS

Regular Geeting of the Board Held

the chairman, Dr. J. L. Bray and W

D. Sheldon, Ald. McKeough, Ald. Mar-

shall, Supt. Jones and City Engineer

The following accounts were pre-

Shackleton.

sented :-

Park Bros.

Thompson Meter Co.,

F. E. Fitts Co.,

McColl Bros. & Co.

Garthouse Thompson Co., Penn. Salt Co., N. Y. Filter Mfg. Co.,

A petition for extension on

adopted as follows:June 30-To cash in bank,

July 9-To Miss Bennett, water

meter, July 11-To city, coal, board of

works, July 11-To city, coal, electric

July 31-To water sales paid

July 6-By refund, C. L. Ab-

July 31-By extensions, house

On motion of Mr. Sheldon,

July 31-To Bal. in bank,

July 31-By operating, July 31-By extensions,

Contra.

Ald McKeough said he represented deputation to request the rempyal f the hydrants from the guttersto

city to bear the expense.
On application, W. J. Moore was granted a refund of \$14.73, owing to

break in pipe passing through meter.

AN OLD POSTER.

Captain George Stringer has shown The Planet an old poster bill of the

early boating days which tells its own story. The bill reads as follows:

W. D. EBERTS.

Will leave McPhersin & Crane's wharfs, Kingston,

THIS DAY For Amherstburg, Wandsor,

DETROIT AND CHATHAM,

Touching at all the ports on the Welland Canal.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Mo

Pherson & Crane, or to Captain George

Kingston, 1849.

THE BRIG

bank, -

are Ave. was approved. Application from H. J. Stevens for

ebate of \$1.50 on water rate, overpaid, was referred to Supt. Jones, with pow-

The secretary's cash statement was

Have now completed the rebuilding of the Kent Mills at Chatham and Blenheim Mills at with their new Bolting System and Dust Extractors leaving Flour so pure and even Blenheim that you will get two loaves of bread more to the Barrel, and a larger, whiter and om Flour made by any other system

### Use the Kent Mills Flour and Stevens' Breakfast Food. The Best is the Cheapest

Wanted at Kent Mills, Chatham, first class. A man who did not know the truth was not free. No matter what the views of their ancestors might have been they were not of ne-Wheat, Beans, Oats, Corn and Barley.

### BLENHE!M.

3.-Miss Rushton, of Risigetown, is

Misses Jessie Des Laurier and Edna Stewart are the guests of Miss Maud Kindree Mas B. Craig, of London, who has been viniting Mrs. A. W. Bell this week, has re-

Miss Bertie Sterling left for a holiday to eastern points. From Blenheim she trip to eastern points. went to Toronto where she takes the boat for Port Hope and Newcastle. She expects

Rev. Dr. Jamieson is spending some holi-day at Niagara Falls, Toronto and other

BOGUS DIPLOMA MILL HIT HARD

Columbus, O. Aug. 3.—Robert H. Day, pointed master commissioner to take tes-mony in the case of the state against the Mit ope College Cor charged with selling diplomas, filed his deport with the Supreme Court yesterday. He finds that all of the allegations made in the state's return against the institution are true, and that the college should be counted from its that the college should be ousted from its

The dominion government will commence the erection of a lighthouse on the middleground in Pelee passage. One of the government engineers was im Amberstburg this week and engag-ed a number of men to work on the building. They are to report for duty

charter rights and prohibited from con-

ferring degrees.

### Please Read Me ! am

## McConnell's Special

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

WHEN WE SHALL SELL FOR CASH

Fruit Jars at present cost price.
Our fine Blend Tea, for the day only, 20e lb. 6 bars Sweet Home Soap. A Japan Tea, new season, usual price

L Powder, Standard. Big bargains in fancy kitchen Flower Pots, decorated in fancy colors, 15c each We will have a 10c, 15c and 25c counter during the day that will astonish you. Call in and see them.

Park St., East

Rev. Dr. Austin Tells Why He Became One.

Claims the New Religion is in Kerp ing With the Enlightenment of the Times.

dressed a fair sized gathering last vening in Northwood's Hall, taking as his subject Spiritualism. Although the audience was a representative one It was made up largely of King street merchants, but many prominent proessional men were present. The minstry was represented by a Methodist elergyman and a Presbyterian divinity student. Bankers, aldermen, artizans, and quite a number of ladies augmented the attendance. Mayor Smith occupied the chair and introduced Mr. Austin. The mayor said that he didn't believe in spiritualism, but when asked to occupy the chair he hought it his duty to do so. THE LECTURE.

The Rev. Mr. Austin said that for im to give any comprehensive idea of the literature, philosophy, etc., of spir-itualism would occupy at least a month of time but he would endeavor to present a few of the salient points. He was a stranger and heretic but he trusted that the audience would accord him that liberality of thought which thould characterize all intelligent beople. Spiritualism was a new religion in one sense and was best defined by a poem published in Mr. Austin's magazine, The Sermon, The poetry ran in part as follows:

'Tis God's own word, again revealed as it was in days of old. Tis revelations from the spheres long hid from human sight.

T'is imspiration once more given to show us the way to make on earth."

Spiritualism was the new religion of Spiritualism was the new religion of to-day and the coming religion of the future. It was a fact well known that in every department of human knowledge there had been wonderful advances made and there had been new conceptions of nature and of God. If in other things, advances had been made, why not in religion and theology? Were these the only things in the world which were stereotyped? If religion and theology had reached a stage of crystallization, they were cessity correct. Surely everyone was not right in his or her belief. There re some errors or there would not

be so many churches and creeds.

The theology of fifty years ago was a thing of the past and should be relegated to oblivion as the ox cart of the Red River district and the canal boat have been cast away and forgotten. WHY HE BECAME A SPIRITUALIST. Last Evening Hydrants to
be Moved.

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session of the water commissioners growd that way."

If the soul expands in the school of time the old theology would not satisfy the individual. He would reach a time when he felt he must have more freedom.

The advantages of spiritualism were many. In the first place it affered to the world a demonstrative religion. 55.44 gospel of the Simple Nazarine He was on the other hand a humble follower 23.90 of His. Spiritualists were not opposed 25.80 to Christianity, but they were opposed to the distortions of it as evidenced in the orthodox doctrines of to-day. What evidence of an existing God, was there 61.66 to offer to those who would not be Dela-lieve the history of the past? There were thousands believing, as Mr. Austin had once believed, that spiritual-ism was founded on fraud. He had, discovered his error and had found reality in spiritual life and also a world

f comfort in it.

For every one who accepted the way o For every one who accepted the way of philosophy, there was a way of life and hope laid open. Spiritualists had a scientific base for religion and they could demonstrate what they preached. Christ had performed miracles and sent his apostles out to do the same thing. The ministers, having gone through the theological cemetery as Sam Jones called it, went out to preach, learned in all the doctrines, creeds and learned in all the doctrines, creeds and theories, but they could not demonstrate the practical sides of what they preached about. Spiritualists on the other hand could take the skeptic into their home and

show him that there was no death but that there was a future life. SPIRITUALISTS BELIEVED

in a rational heaven, a life like the prese life, a place of many mansions as depicted by Christ, and the gospel preached as in this world. For the past fifty years spiritual-ism had been overthrown and denounced yet to-day it was spreading and reaching the most cultured classes. Some of the greatest literary and scientific men were amongst its adherents, as instanced by Alfred Russell Wallace and W. T. Stead, Jones was instructed to proceed with the work under the direction of the chairman of the board of works, the entor of the Review of Reviews. Must not a philosopy or religion overthrown and de-nounced so many times, have some founda-tion in truth when such men as these were to be found in its ranks? All remembered the burning bush in the bible that was not consumed although on the because there

was an angel in it.

Spiritualism might be compared to this burning bush. Although denounced and overthrown, spiritualism could not be con-The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green. Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181. sumed because there was an angel hid in it. Those so-called exposures of spiritualism were exposures of fraud not of spiritualism. A gentleman in Toronto, Mr. John had written eight columns in the Christian Guardian, denouncing spiritualism. He had claimed that he had tried three different spiritualists, but none were genuine. Grantin Granting that every fact in the eight columns was correct, what would they prove? Nothing. If a finan went to the Klondike and, having looked in three different spots for gold, should come home and say there was no gold there, people would say he spoke Toolishly, because they knew better. He findn't looked in the right spot, and neither had Mr. Roott. Mr. Austin had spent six years in studying spiritualism and had sterings with leading spiritualism and had sterings with leading spiritualism and had experienced the phenomena in his own home. It was no argument against the Methodist Church merely own home. It was no argument against the Methodist Church merely



and often we do the store an injustice and often we do the store an injustice
by making the price too little. But
it's all right as long as our customers
get the benefit. It's the rule here to
divide profits with you. We have
put on sale this week 60 pr. Women's
Lace Shoes same as above cut, also
60 pr. Button—bought to sell at \$1.75
—but to divide profits with you we
have marked them to clear at
\$1.50 a pair. \$1.50 a pair.

> The Boston Shoe House

#### Dr. A. W. Thornton . . . Dentisi

D. D. S. Torente Julversity. Associate Dr. C. A. Snell, Honor Graduate, Toronto University. Office-Frat Door East of Standard Bank. Telephone 184.

because one minister had disgraced th cloth. As soon as Mr. Scott's article was published, Mr. Austin, open to conviction, sought out the writer and told him of phenomena produced by him with a total stranger. Mr. Scott acknowledged that he could not ex-plain it. Mr. Austin then wrote the Christian Guardian, asking permission to reply, but this was refused. He understood that these articles had been published in full by one of the Chatham papers. Mr. Austin hoped that the transparence would open its that this same paper would open its columns and publish his reply as it ap-peared in the July "Sermon." (This reply has already been published in The Planet.)

The Planet.)

The great charge against orthodoxy was that it placed more faith in the Devil and Satanic power than it did in the power of Jesus Christ. The doctrine of the Devil should be put away. It had brooded long enough. Spiritualists profess to know what they teach and they have proofs of it, but not from the lips of others. They have proofs by their own fireside. Mr. Austin had been brought up after the strictest manner of Methodists and had the church seen fit to broaden its doctrine and permit Christians to interpret the scriptures for themselves, he would have been with the Methodist Church to-day. From his infancy he Church to-day. From his infancy he had had an inhate spirit of rebellion

against some of THE DOGMAS of the Methodist Church. He was thrown into the company of marvellously endowed people—seers, clair-voyants, etc., the audience would probably call them-and he was overawed by their wonderful work. He then began to investigate spiritualism with a good deal of prejudice, fearing fraud. Two years ago Mr. Austin called on Mr. Cole, in the city of Detroits a man probably well known to many Chatham people, and asked for a sitthat ham people, and asked for a sat-ting. The medium asked that it be put off till the following day as he was very much fatigued, and the chances were against the sitter. However, Mr. Cole was persuaded, and Mr. Austin wrote some questions while Mr. Cole was out of the room. They sat for three-quarters of an hour without any response, when Mr. Cole said that the friends written to were anxious to communicate with the writer. were in the room, and the medium could see them and he described the five written to accurately. Mr. Cole neither knew Mr. Austin or his friends. The instrument began to tick and the medium wrote out a message signed by the full name of Mr. Austin's dead sister. This message is now pre served by the recipient. Last summe served by the recipient. Last summ Mr. Austin and his wife called on medium. They were furnished with clean slate which they held right in front of their faces. On examining the slates after four minutes, answers were found to eight different communications. A face was also drawn on the slate and no artist in the country, according to Mr. Austin, could have produced that work inside of an been and yet it had all been done by r his personal knowledge and

hour and yet it had all been done by the spirits inside of four minutes. Mr. Austin gave a number of othe stances of marvellous communications made by spirits and coming un n concluding said : You who believen this will begin an investigation for yourself. The phenomena and philosophy of it can be seen in your own homes, You have but to wait on the Lord alone in your closets and you can demonstrate the actuality of the spir-

OFF THE TRACK. This means disaster and death when applied to a fast express train. It is equally serious when it refers to people whose blood is disordered and who consequently have pimples and sores, bad stomachs, deranged kid-neys, weak nerves and that tired feeling. Hood's Sursaparilla puts the wheels back on the track by making pure, rich blood and curing these trou

Constipation is cured by Hood's Pills. 25c.

### TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for booth privileges on the Athletic Grounds for the Scotch Picnic, which takes place Menday, August 43th, 1900. Tenders must be in by 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, August 10th. Address John Darling, Chairman of Grounds Committee.

## There are Money **Making Chances**

In such goods as Bicycle Suits, Straw Hats, Summer Clothing and other goods, which are used mostly for summer wear.

> Straw Hats at Half price. Bicycle Suits 20 per cent off. Summer Clothing 25 per cent off. Light Colored Tweed Suits with from \$1 to \$3 off the price.

These are all new, this season's goods and with two months of summer weather yet to come are decided bargains at the prices offered.

## J. L. Campbell Thornton & Douglas

Is for the Farmers of Kent to Get out of Debt

Says Registrar P. D. McKellar-Sales of Land Improving.

The Toronto Globe has submitted t egistrars the following questions. 1. The general tendency - whether towards increase or reduction of debts. 2. The purpose for which new debts

are being incurred.

3. The relative por 3. The relative position of the debt-or class as compared with five and ten years ago. In reply P. D. McKellar, registrar of

From 1894 to 1898 the amount of From 1894 to 1898 the amount of mortgage indebtedness decreased, but 1899 shows a slight increase over 184. This can easily be accounted for in two ways. The mortgage of 1894 and prior thereto carried a rate of 6 to 61-2 per cent. During 1898 and 1899 the ruling rate of interest was 5 to 51-2 per cent., and this led to the conversion of all mortgages that could be paid off into mortgages bearing the lower rate of interest, and in addition to this the sales of land for 1897, 1898, 1899, as compared with ten years previous have been very numerous at prices in advance of the previous ten years, and in almost every sale a mortgage has formed part of the transaction. I think, therefore, it is safe to say in reply to enquiry No. 1 safe to say in reply to enquiry No of your circular that the tendency

to a reduction of indebtedness.

As to enquiry No. 2, in my epinion debts are being incurred in the purchase of land, the erection of buildings, and for tile draining,
As to No. 3, in my opinion the position of the debtor class has materially improved in the last five years. Debts improved in the last live years. Betts are more promptly paid, and also rents. A few years ago bailiffs did a thriving business in distraining for rent and selling out the unfortunate lessee.

and selling out the unfortunate lessee. I may mention the improved receipts of the hotels as a further evidence of a more plentiful supply of money; among the people. A few years ago the hotel business was barely paying, now it is quite profitable, not because the people are more intemperate now than in the past, but, having money to spend, some of it goes the way of the hotels. The crop in Kent is good this year. Everything excepting fall the hotels. The crop in Kent is good this year. Everything excepting fail wheat will be more than the average crop. While some wheat has been injured by the Hessian fly, there will be a fair yield throughout the country, and the sample is excellent. For all these reasons I cannot see any very near prospect for "hard times" in Kent

Sentenced to Death.

"You are in the last stages of Con-"You are in the last stages of con-sumption and cannot live more than a month," were the words of doom heard by Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C., from her doctors, "but she began to use Dr. King's New Dis-covery" writes—R. L. Daughton, of that place, "and was wholly cured by it. She is now a stout, well woman." It's the suppreme cure for desperate dis-It. She is now a stout, well woman.
It's the supreme cure for desperate diseases of throat and lungs. Infallible for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Oroup, Whooping Cough, Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles at A. I. McCall & Co'c drug store.

### ERIEAU NOTES.

While sailing on Wednesday, over the blue waters of the Eau in Supt. Jones' green boat, Miss Bessie Frackin met with a mishap that she rather enjoyed. A stiff squall from the southwest struck the sail forward and upset the boat. Miss Brackin was pitched into the water, but rising to the surface she reached, the upturned boat in two strokes and then clung to the boat till rescued by Will and Garnet, Brackin, who had witnessed the catastrophe from the shore. will and Garnet Brackin, who had witnessed the catastrophe from the shore.

L. J. McLatyre brought a string of fish to the city that want delight the heart of any piscatorial article. He had some 25 or 30 pounds of fish including 52 lb. and a 5½ lb. green bass.

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Mrs. K. V. Bray is vacating at Frieau.

Miss Lena Harper, is visiting her cousin Miss Jessie Harper, Saudairean Cottage.

Mrs. Hillman and family moved out yesterday to the cottage formerly occupied by Ald. Sulman, at Glennville.

Commodere T. J. Ratles, had a party of ladies out for a sail in the Louise on Wednesday evening. The party included Miss Louise Rutley, Miss Ansa Tackaberry, Miss Abram, Miss Bessie Brackin, Miss Nellie Young and Mrs. Bray.

Young and Mrs. Bray.

The bass after a ten days vacation are l ginning to bite again.

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