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ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

JOSEPH STREET RESIDENTS ARE IN A QUANDARY

Considerable Discussion and Trouble Has Already Been Rife Over the New Pavement

POINTERS AS TO HOW MATTERS STAND AT PRESENT

"The residents of Joseph street are at present wondering where they are in regard to the proposed bitulithic pavement which will be put down on that street this year," remarked a ratepayer from that section of the city to a Planet reporter this morning. "It is up to some one to tell them the true condition of affairs, and explain exactly in what shape matters now stand. Some one has evidently bent upon making trouble on this street, and he should be shown up in his true light, and let the ratepayers on that street know just what kind of a man they are dealing with."

The remarks of the ratepayer were so strong that The Planet took the trouble to look into the matter, from a purely outside standpoint, and found that the tactics of some people on this street are not what the general citizen would describe as manly and straightforward.

It was decided last year to name the kind of a pavement the ratepayers wanted. The decision was in favor of a bitulithic pavement. When the petition was circulated this year it was understood that the pavement would be put down on a concrete foundation, in fact in getting signatures on that petition, which was signed by 32 out of 40 residents on the street—the other eight wishing no pavement at all—it was explicitly explained that the foundation would be of concrete. The price of the pavement as stated on that petition was figured out on the concrete foundation basis. This was the petition that the Council acted upon, in passing the necessary by-law, granting the laying down of the pavement. This petition was representative of about \$40,000 of the assessment out of a total of \$45,000. The Engineer made his report—which was acted upon by the Council—on the specifications in this petition, which were a bitulithic pavement on a concrete foundation. The by-law was passed and has become law. In order to change the foundation of that pavement it will be necessary to pass another by-law through the Council amending that by-law. This will open the question

for petitions and counter petitions, and the whole matter will have to be settled all over again.

This year again, after the matter was supposedly settled, some one circulated a petition for a bitumen roadbed. A meeting was called in Thompson's wagon shop ostensibly for the purpose of appointing an inspector on the work. After the inspector was appointed one man at the meeting brought up the matter of the roadbed and wanted to take a vote of the meeting to find out, as he said, what the ratepayers wanted. The chairman thought this was a bit of a trick, and he was only 11 out of the 40 residents of the street present at the meeting. It was then decided to appoint a delegation to wait upon the Council to see if the change could be made if the residents so desired. Instead of doing this and abiding by the wishes of the meeting in opposition to the wishes of the majority of the people on the street, this petition is now in circulation on the street and so the matter rests at the present time.

Much feeling has been worked up over the matter and it seems to be a question of whether or not the Council will be willing to open up the affair after it has once been settled, in order to satisfy the schemes of a couple of men who seem to be using all the disturbance. It is thought by most of the people that the Council of this year will benefit by the experience of last year's aldermen with circulators of petitions, withdrawals from petitions, etc., and will not open the matter up again and get themselves into endless trouble, when the question has already been settled to the satisfaction of the people interested, at the time.

If the petition now being circulated is considered by the Council, those in favor of a concrete foundation will at once get out with a new petition for their side of it and then the fun will commence.

EARLY CLOSING NOT DEAD WILL STAND BY LACROSSE

Some of the Most Influential Merchants Sign Petition To Close Up

MAY APPEAL IT IN COURT

It was thought that when the Grocers' Early Closing Repeal passed in Council, that Early Closing matters had received a setback that would put all such movements out of the business for this year anyway. But this, apparently, is not the case, and there is a likelihood that the Council will be called upon to wrestle with the question once more, in perhaps an altogether different light. It is understood that the movement set on foot by the grocers' furnishers, the dry goods men and the shoe men, will be brought before the Council at their next regular meeting. From general indications the movement is anything but dead. The promoters are more determined than ever to bring it before the Council. The men behind the movement are some of Chatham's most influential merchants, and they feel confident that the Council will treat their petition fairly.

It is understood that the petition for Early Closing in the above named stores, is already largely signed, and that by the time of the next Council meeting it will contain the names of almost every merchant interested.

On the other hand, those in opposition to the movement claim that the by-law, if passed, will not hold water. They say that they cannot be forced to live up to it, but this remains to be proved. In order to test the matter, it would most likely have to be appealed to a higher court, as the by-law would have its full effect locally.

If the merchants are determined that the by-law shall pass, and succeed in holding the names on their present petition, there is little doubt but what the Council will adopt the measure as presented.

SEE UNDERSTOOD.

The woman was having a new street dress made.

Be sure to have it so I can reach above my head, were her instructions. I understand, replied the modiste: I have to hang on to those street car straps myself sometimes.

Citizens will Support a Home-Bred Team This Year

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

It is a little early yet to make surmises as to what lacrosse will amount to in this city during the coming summer, but it is safe to say that the sport-loving citizens of Chatham will one and all welcome tidings of a team, junior or senior, that will provide good, clean, manly sport.

The victories of the famous season of 1904 have not been forgotten. In that year Chatham got a taste of the real thing in fast intermediate lacrosse. The team that year was well managed, and therein lay its success. Last year the game was not so successful a one in this city. Probably a dozen reasons might be named, but however mention of them is needless.

There has been talk of a senior team being formed for the coming season, but is not the idea a little airy? It is obvious that Chatham cannot afford to go in for professional lacrosse. Better to go a little slow and come out at the big end of the horn.

Another thing: there is reason to believe that this year will see stricter rules enforced for the lacrosse field. It is learned that players who have played for money need not seek admittance in the amateur field, but must be classed where they belong—with the professionals. Where, then, is Chatham to get its players from? If a whole list of new players from outside places were not secured, Chatham would be liable to find itself serenely in the soup ere many moons had passed, and the sanguine dreamers would then realize what a muddle they had got their patrons in.

It was in the year in which Chatham was playing winning lacrosse, that Frank Babcock was standing watching the juniors at practice, and was heard to remark: "There is Chatham's coming lacrosse team." The juniors should get the unstinted support of the citizens, for in them lies Chatham's only hope as far as lacrosse is concerned. Besides they are all local boys, who have learned the game right here in the city.

A VERY QUEER COINCIDENCE IN THE MATTER OF LETTERS

F. A. Robert's Brothers in Idaho Simultaneously Write Him Accounts of Severe Weather in the West

THE TRAINS ARE BLOCKED AND CATTLE ARE DYING

F. A. Robert yesterday received two letters from Idaho telling of the severe weather the people there are experiencing in the west. The letters are from his brothers, F. P. Robert, president and manager of the Rigby Milling Company, of Rigby, Idaho, and A. G. Robert, resident agent for the Home Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Blackfoot, Idaho.

The letters were written almost at the same time, one on March 16th and the other on the 17th, and both brothers wrote to Mr. Robert on the same subject. This seems a very queer coincidence.

The following are the letters:

Blackfoot, Ida., March 17, '06.

Dear Brother Fred:

Only a few lines to tell you of our weather this morning. This is the coldest St. Patrick's Day I ever saw. For one solid week snow and cold has been fierce. Trains have been snow bound for 48 hours between here and Butte, and the MacKay train which left here Wednesday morning with a double header just returned this Saturday a. m. Yesterday they sent another engine with snow plows and gangs of men to shovel snow, together with coals and food for the snow bound passengers. This has never been known in the history of the MacKay branch. Sheep and cattle are buried in the snow and dying like bees. Yesterday morning it was 24 degrees below zero, this morning 28 below. This is certainly bad for March. It had been warm, and had no snow before this storm, and that is one reason why it is felt so. Everything is at a standstill, though we have lost only a few hours. We are well, and hope you are the same. I hardly think I can get started on 29th inst., but can't tell as yet.

Your loving brother,
A. G.

Rigby, Idaho, March 16, '06.

My Dear Brother Fred:

Will write you regarding our awful streak of weather we have been having. The day I wrote you my last letter, we were, as I said, having a terrible blizzard from the north. That same night about five o'clock it moderated, and the wind wind turned the opposite direction to the south. Then it commenced to rain. Thunder and lightning such as had never been witnessed by the oldest citizens of the valley, lasted about two hours, and it again turned to snow, and the fall exceeded 12 inches during the night. Last night it was as clear as a bell and very cold, the thermometer registering 23 degrees below zero at eight o'clock this morning, being the coldest weather we have had this winter. Up in this section the stock, especially sheep, are suffering. It is estimated that the sheep men will lose fully 75 per cent. of their lambs.

We have fine sleighing and one would think from the general appearance of things that the winter was just setting in. The railroads are blocked in all directions, some of the branch lines are abandoned altogether, for the reason that the snow fighting equipments are being used at full blast on the main lines. Word reached here this morning that the MacKay train was snow bound between Blackfoot and MacKay, and that the train is on the desert with two dead engines, and the passengers are unable to obtain food. A rescue train has gone to the scene of distress. The other day an extra volume of water came into our mill-race on account of a jam in the main canal, and fortunately washed out most of our thick ice. We now have the race nearly cleared out, and as soon as this awful spell of weather moderates we ought to soon have things in shape to start up. Hope you are all well, as this leaves us, with love and kindest regards to all.

I am, your loving brother,
Felix.

RAISING OF THE GUNBOATS GAVE HIM BIG SEND-OFF

The Question Will Settled by the British Authorities

NOT FOR THE AMERICANS

The statement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the Commons, in response to the question of A. E. Kemp, M.P. for East Toronto, that the Government was in communication with the British authorities on the subject of raising the gunboats sunk in the River Thames, near Chatham, in 1813, again directs attention to these interesting relics of early Canadian history.

During the war of 1812-13 the British sank three of their gunboats in the river, just two miles above the present city of Chatham. These boats have rested in their watery graves for nearly a century. About five years ago, however, an historical association was formed in Chatham, of which J. S. Black was chosen president, and, with the consent of the Government, one of the boats was raised. Its contents included a couple of large guns and several tons of cannon balls. The trophies are being installed at the new armories to be opened this summer. Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, commanding officer of the 24th Regiment, being their custodian.

Last year the American Historical Society put in claims to the other two gunboats and a party came over from Detroit to locate their position, sound the river and install apparatus for raising them, with the purpose of conveying them to Belle Isle Park, Detroit. This project created a considerable storm among the loyal Canadians of the district. Through H. S. Clements, M. P., the Government was appealed to, and their engineer visited the ground and went over the proposal with representatives of the district. As a result, G. W. Cowan, the then mayor of Chatham, was authorized to police the banks of the river in the vicinity of the sunken trophies against the enterprising Americans, and work was stayed by force of the law. The fact that the Government has now taken the matter up with the Imperial authorities will be learned with interest in western Ontario.

C. H. Mills Was Fittingly Honored Upon Leaving Berlin

HE COMES TO CHATHAM

Berlin, March 21.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mills leave for Chatham on Thursday, where Mr. Mills enters business and they will reside. On Tuesday evening a baker's dozen of Mr. Mills' personal friends invited him to the Berlin Club and gave him a little send-off in the way of a farewell dinner and the presentation of a handsome writing desk and library chair. Mrs. Mueller had done her prettiest in preparing the supper, and after doing it justice several hours were spent in discussing matters of interest to the guest, his past and future. No formal speeches were made, just heart-to-heart talks, in which appreciation of his many qualities were voiced.

Mr. Mills has been eight years a resident of Berlin, and liked the town and the town liked him. During the period, he succeeded in building up a large trade for the establishment of which he was manager. That his services were highly valued, was evidenced by Mr. G. B. Ryan, the proprietor, presenting him with a cheque for \$200, when Mr. Mills severed his connection with the house.

After dinner, ex-Mayor Kranz, who presided as chairman, presented Mr. Mills with a unique and flattering address, accompanied by a handsome writing desk. The recipient was visibly affected, and found it difficult to express his thanks. He did manage to say he was pleased and grateful; that leaving Berlin cost him a big effort, and that he would always retain a warm spot in his heart for the town and the friends he had made here. To both he wished prosperity.

Over the cigars, good wishes were expressed and farewells spoken by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Mills' departure is regretted by Berlin citizens generally.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills have arrived in the city and will take up their residence on the corner of Murray and Adelaide streets.

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