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THE RELIABLE STORE Thomas Stone & Son THE RELIABLE STORE

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## YEAR WAS SUCCESSFUL

The Annual Meeting Of The West Kent Agricultural Society

### THE OFFICERS ELECTED

The annual meeting of the West Kent Agricultural Society was held in Harrison Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

J. Dowling, the First Vice-President, was, owing to illness, unable to attend, and in his absence the chair was occupied by S. Stone, the Second Vice-President.

The Treasurer's statement for the past year was carefully gone over and the accounts were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The society's receipts for the year were \$4,029.40; their expenditures, including \$200 paid on the mortgage, was \$3,065.72, thus leaving them a balance on hand of \$963.68. The society has published a financial statement in full of all the prizes, etc., awarded at the fair last year. This statement can be had by applying for it from the Secretary, A. H. White.

Mr. White, when interviewed yesterday, was quite pleased with the progress the society had made during the past year, and stated that this year's Fall Fair would excel any of former years.

A good board of directors has been appointed and they are all willing to do their utmost to make the ensuing year a success. The following are the officers and board of directors for 1907:

President—Frank Sutor.

1st Vice-President—W. W. Everitt.

2nd Vice-President—Spencer Stone.

Secretary—A. H. White.

Board of Directors—C. Ross, H. A. Dolsen, J. Houston, J. Dowling, J. E. Chinnick, J. H. Clements, Samuel Orr, A. D. Westman, F. Charteris.

Auditors—T. C. Doyle and R. Killop.

The new board of directors will meet in Harrison Hall next Monday afternoon to arrange matters for the coming year.

### THE MARKET CLOCK

Ald. Potter had a few things to say to The Planet in reference to an item which appeared in this journal relative to the market bell question.

"The matter was referred to the Property committee all right," said Ald. Potter, "and we have not yet decided upon a recommendation. All we want now is a special meeting of the Council to ratify our action."

"The committee is of the opinion that a striking bell should be installed. It will mean a cost of about \$300 more, but this amount includes the cost of fitting up the tower to receive the bell. The total cost of the whole outfit will be about \$600. The committee thought it best to have the striker, as then the clock would be of use to everyone in the city, while otherwise it would only be useful to the people who happened to be on King street. The old bell will be used for the striker."

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## A FULL ACCOUNT

The Ridgetown Fire Was One Of The Biggest In The History Of This Thriving Place—Great Loss

Ridgetown, Feb. 14.—Fire broke out about 3.30 this morning in the cellar of William McMaster's hardware store, Queen's Hotel block, and the beautiful three-story structure is now a heap of ruins.

As the blaze was among the cart-ridges, powders, paints, turpentine, varnishes and other inflammable material, it was dangerous to enter the building and the firemen confined their attention to flooding the cellar with water.

For some time it appeared as if the fire was under control, but of a sudden the flames shot out from different parts of the block (and, facing it the high winds, made it almost impossible to stay them).

The firemen, who were putting up a brave fight, now confined their attention to stopping the flames at the Wilson block, which adjoins, and were successful in doing so, for about 8 o'clock the front and side walls fell in, and shortly after the furnace chimney followed, which gave the fire fighters a chance to get at the seat of the blaze. Blankets and other protection were put up in front of the plate glass windows in the vicinity, and thus the damage generally done in this manner was averted.

The origin of the conflagration is a mystery, as there had been no light or fire in the cellar, the store being heated by a stove on the first floor.

The losses are as follows: John Sheldon, one block, and contents of hotel, about \$20,000; Dauphin confectionery store, about \$4,000; McMaster's hardware store, about \$18,000. All will be protected by over half the amount of their loss.

Scarcely any of the contents were saved, but the hotel occupants were given plenty of time to get out without injury, although some of them lost a part of their clothing. The building, which was erected about thirty years ago, had no fire walls, but outside of that was a substantial structure, with a very imposing appearance.

### SHOULD BE NO DELAY

Mr. A. Sheldrick, the King street merchant tailor, is one of the many who think natural gas should be given a trial, and that the citizens should not be deprived of its use any longer than possible.

"I don't think Chatham is any better than other cities which are using natural gas unpurified, and what has proved satisfactory in other cities and towns should also prove satisfactory in Chatham," said Mr. Sheldrick, while in conversation with a Planet reporter.

"Would you be willing to use it for illuminating purposes without its being first purified?" he was asked.

"I would be willing to take chances for a trial, at least," he replied.

"I think that the gas ought to be turned on for a trial, and turned off without delay."

Mr. Sheldrick has three large lamps in his tailoring establishment, not to speak of the gas used for heating radiators, etc., in the upper portion of the building.

### SPECIAL SATURDAY MATINEE

There will be a special program for the ladies and children at the daily four p. m. 5 cent matinee to-morrow at the Brisco Opera House.

There will be funny moving pictures. The O'Connor children of Detroit will appear in songs, sketches and dances, and Morris Luther, a black face comedian and clog dancer, will do several turns.

Every man has a right to his own opinion as long as he keeps it to himself.

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## A NEW DOCK

FOR THE PARK

Government Is Now Asking For Tenders For Work At Rondeau

### MR. BOWYER'S FINE WORK

The Government is now asking for tenders for a new Government dock at Rondeau Park—a convenience for which the residents of this popular summer resort have been looking forward for years.

The proposed dock will be a fine, permanent structure, with an earth approach, obtained by use of a dredge, with outer stone courses. It will be a splendid work, and will be a great benefit to the many residents of this county, who yearly spend the summer months at this resort.

This dock has been secured at the cost of considerable money spent by Mr. P. H. Bowyer, M. P. for East Kent, in his efforts to induce the Government to take up this matter. This is a matter in which Mr. Bowyer has worked unceasingly ever since his election, and it is to his credit that he did not give up for a moment, but stayed with his scheme until the Government could put him off with promises no longer.

Government Park is one of the finest summer resorts in Canada, and the only thing which kept it back during recent years was the fact that there was no dock suitable for landing boats. This difficulty is now happily overcome, thanks to the splendid efforts of Mr. Bowyer, and the results will be greatly appreciated both by the cottagers and the visitors at the Park.

## I'LL KEEP MY CHILD OR DIE

The Statement Made By Mrs. (Commodore) Mills In A Divorce Suit

### ARE WELL KNOWN HERE

(New York Journal.)

Asheville, Feb. 12.—"I will kill myself before I will allow my husband to take my little daughter away from me."

This was the statement made to-day by Mrs. Merrill Beecher Mills, wife of the millionaire yachtman of New York and Detroit. Mr. Mills has turned the tables on his wife, who sued for divorce in Detroit four months ago. He now seeks a divorce and asks the custody of their seven-year-old daughter, Cynthia.

Mrs. Mills has a million in her own right, inherited from her father, Charles K. Eddy, of Saginaw, marine and mining magnate.

The counter suit by Mills is also being brought in Detroit.

The Mills have a summer home at Larchmont, N. Y., and Mr. Mills is a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

Already \$500,000 has been spent by them in getting evidence against each other. Detectives have long been on the trail of each, and the struggle seems hardly to have begun.

Mr. Mills is a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club and many prominent organizations in New York and other places. His father was a pioneer stove manufacturer, and the son is widely known as the "Stove King."

The Mills family went to Detroit from Connecticut years ago.

The elder Mills was once Mayor of that city. The present Mills once owned the Detroit League baseball club.

Mrs. Mills was Miss Lila Eddy, of Saginaw, Mich., and her father was chairman of the State Republican Committee for some time.

Mrs. Mills sued her husband in Detroit, Mich., her home, some time ago, for divorce, and demanded possession of the child. He sued her later on and asked for the child and testimony before a Federal Commissioner is being taken in the case here to-day.

Mr. Mills has also started an action against Millard Stickelather, of this place, for \$100,000 for alleged alienation of Mrs. Mills' affections.

Mrs. Mills will, it is stated, mention the names of New York society women in connection with that of her husband when her suit against him comes up. Mrs. Mills spent some time here last summer, and detectives were constantly watching her. Some of them played society swells and got in exclusive families and clubs, while others mixed with the servants.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills are well known in this city, having visited Chatham several times in their yacht "Cynthia."

The A. I. McCall Company have leased the store formerly occupied by Mr. Tyrrell, the music dealer, in the Opera House block. The McCall Company will occupy these premises till October 15, when they will move into the new store which they recently purchased from A. M. Miller, and which is now known as Gray's China Hall. They will move into the Opera House block March 1.

## DRESDEN ROBBERY

Later Accounts Of Daring Burglary Giving Details—No Clue Yet Found

The following from a Dresden despatch gives fuller particulars of the Dresden Post Office robbery:

Entrance to the building had been secured through the side window, and with the formidable tools with which the burglars were equipped they evidently had little difficulty in getting into the building.

The explosion was evidently a muffled one—that is, the safe door was allowed to fall on something like a blanket. The noise that was heard by those who live in the vicinity was not more than a slight one, and considering the fact that no further explosions followed it is not to be wondered at that no one was aroused.

It cannot as yet be estimated just what loss the post office sustains through the burglary, as Postmaster Watson has not as yet been able to go through his books and figures.

It is estimated that there were several hundred dollars in money in the safe, as the savings bank department, postal note office, and money order service were all conducted by Mr. Watson. There was a large stock of stamps on hand, the value of which will likely run into several hundred dollars. On a rough estimate it was stated this morning that the loss would at any rate reach \$1,200.

There is not a resident of Dresden who can remember having seen any suspicious characters around the town yesterday. There were quite a number of visitors, but no one's attention was attracted to them. The chief of police remembers having seen no one loitering about.

And so the theory that the burglars, and it is believed by four or five seen that there were at least three of them, came in on a Pere Marquette train and departed in the same way. It is almost certain that they went away in this manner at any rate, for a ruffled mail bag was found lying close to the tracks when a search was made this morning.

Another fact which would go to show that the men did not either drive in or out, is that no fresh buggy tracks could be discovered in front of the post office or in the vicinity of that building.

Police in all parts of the country have been notified of the robbery, and there is a strong possibility that the provincial police will be called in.

The post office is a new building, of the storey-and-a-half type, and was of splendid construction. Some thirteen years ago the old post office was burglarized successfully, and thirty years ago it was also entered. On neither of these occasions was anyone apprehended, and at the time it was believed that some one in the vicinity knew something of both affairs.

The town is greatly excited over the daring robbery, and it was the one topic of talk on the streets. All manner of enquiries are being made throughout the country, and if the robbers were seen at any time during yesterday it is sure to be reported.

The Dresden post office handles money orders and postal notes, and also conducts a branch of the post office savings bank. In addition to these sources of revenue, the proceeds of which would be placed in the safe, perhaps for several days together, there was the business done in stamps, which of itself may be found to amount to a large sum.

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