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THE BEET SUGAR PROPOSITION IS TOO RISKY FOR CHATHAM RATEPAYERS

C. H. Mills of This City, a Former Member of the Berlin Board of Trade, Advises Maple City Taxpayers to Vote Against The Keystone Sugar Co's. By-law—Sound Reasoning.

With every new day, come innumerable expressions of opinion from citizens and ratepayers who have been, and are still opposed to the granting of concessions to the Keystone Sugar Company, to move the Warton beet sugar factory to Chatham, as stipulated in the by-law which will be presented to the ratepayers next month. The stand taken by this journal has been plainly announced, and is directly opposed to the passing of the by-law. This decision has not been arrived at rashly, nor in a hasty manner. The question has been viewed from every standpoint, and investigations of a minute character have been made, and the ultimate result after considering the proposition from a purely unprejudiced viewpoint, is that it is too risky a business for the people of Chatham to take up at the present time. The more the matter is looked into, the worse it appears to the intelligent citizen. During the past few days it has been shown that the views of The Planet are endorsed by nearly every successful business man whose opinion is looked up to in the business and commercial world. It is impossible to give publicity to the opinions of all who have approached us with expressions of congratulation and endorsement. Enough are given, however, to convince the voter who may not have made a study of the proposition, that it is one that goes to the people opposed by the citizens of every walk of life, and especially by the heaviest ratepayers, and a majority of the strongest business men.

Reference has been made in this journal, to the Berlin sugar factory, which showed up sugar factories in a very unfavorable light, and the statements made in this connection have been recklessly denied by Mr. Fowler, the local factory promoter, in a letter to The Planet. Mr. Fowler's letter was simply a denial with no proof of such denial. In view of the circumstances The Planet interviewed Mr. C. H. Mills, of the Thomas Stone & Son Co. Mr. Mills is a gentleman who recently came to this city from Berlin, and a man who while he lived in Berlin, took a very active interest in the securing of factories and industries for that city. He was president of the Berlin Board of Trade during the years 1904 and 1905, and was a member of the Council of the Board of Trade when the sugar factory was secured for Berlin—in fact he took a very active part in the

securing of this same Berlin sugar factory, if there is a man whose opinion on sugar factories should be of value, that man should surely be Mr. Mills.

When approached by The Planet, he felt somewhat backward in giving an interview on the grounds that he was a recent arrival in the city, and did not wish to interfere in a question in which the older ratepayers were so vitally interested, still, as he is naturally interested in the welfare of the place where he is now a resident, and being solicited for his opinion, he felt it his duty to, if possible, give the ratepayers the advantage of his experience in the matter of sugar factories. "In the first place," said Mr. Mills, "I never wish to enter any word against the bringing of any factory to a city. During my whole life I have been enthusiastic over new industries. A city cannot have too many of them, and we cannot have too many men who are ready and willing to push wholeheartedly for concerns which are desirable, and are paying propositions. That is why I feel a certain pang of regret that from what I know of the Keystone offer, I could not support it. I think that just at the present time, it would be a big mistake if the offer were accepted.

"The Berlin proposition was a far different one from the one which the people of Chatham will be called upon to vote upon. There the city gave the company a bonus of \$25,000.00. Here the people are expecting to get their money back again, and that makes them look closely to the security of the company, and security is quite important, especially when there is so much as \$75,000.00 at stake. The security of a trust company would be worse than the security of a trust company were not the most reliable ones, and the citizens should know what trust company is going to give this security before the by-law is voted upon, for this is the most important point to be considered in casting their votes. It would be in the interests of the sugar company itself to have this point clear, and to publish the name of the trust company long before the vote is taken. This would insure good faith on their part.

The stand of The Planet seems to be a proper one, and the information published in connection with the Berlin factory, was evidently got from reliable sources. I happen to know all of the details relative to this factory being very closely con-

necting with it from the first, and I can assure you that everything published in reference to the Berlin factory in The Planet's first article last Monday was absolutely correct, with the exception of the reference to Swedes and Pollocks. There may be a few of these connected with the factory, but the majority of the people employed there are largely German people. These are all laborers, and form a class of laborers who cannot be found in Chatham. This class of labor, of course, might have to be imported if a factory were established here. You must also bear in mind that the families around Berlin are mostly large ones, and in many cases women and all get out in the beet fields and work. It has been found that the farmers who have to hire help are not the ones who make money out of their beets, and if they do not make money there is one thing sure, they will not grow the beets. It is a question if the women of this country will get out in the fields and work with sugar beets, and help may have to be secured. It has been shown that the average farmer around Berlin cannot successfully grow more than from three to ten acres of beets, according to the amount of his help. Owing to the small families here then, some difficulty might be found in securing the acreage.

Your high tax rate here, too, should make you more careful. The tax rate of Berlin is only 19 3/4 mills, while here the rate is 27 mills. Berlin was in a better position to offer inducements to a sugar factory.

"Mind you I think a sugar factory is a good thing for the city and for the farmers, if it is put on a firm financial basis, but there is a great chance in going into a concern of this kind. In Berlin the people did not expect to get their money back. They gave a bonus. In the case of Chatham, however, the city expects the company to pay back the loan, and this makes the city very interested in the success or the failure of the factory. This is an important point, especially when this industry is still in the experimental stages. It has been held up during the last few years by the Government, and the Government gave it, but we cannot expect this bounty to last for ever, and just what will become of the sugar industry when this support is taken away from it, and it is forced to stand on its own legs, is an uncertain question not very easily answered."

A SHORT MEETING

A Few Citizens Gather to Support Sugar By-Law—The Men Who Were Present

Last evening a meeting of those in favor of passing the beet sugar by-law was held in J. P. Dunn's office, Fifth street. The meeting was not very largely attended, as some of the more representative ratepayers who had received invitations to attend, and were expected at the meeting, did not put in an appearance. There were, however, a few citizens present. The meeting was held for the purpose of condemning the stand taken by The Planet and the views expressed by many ratepayers through this journal. The by-law enthusiasts hold that most of the people who express adverse views on the question, do not know what they are talking about. Promoter Fowler was one of the chief speakers. The speakers put themselves on record as thinking that the proposition was one of the best ever offered this city. Ald. Austin was not present. Arrangements were made for a campaign in favor of the by-law, and committees were appointed to look after the various polling divisions on the date of the election. Those present were A. D. Westman, W. H. Westman, J. Brackin, E. French, S. Bullis, R. Knight, W. Anderson, J. M. Northwood, Davi Lee, J. W. Webb, Ald. Potter and A. J. Dunn.

RICE—OLIVER

The marriage took place on May 3rd, 1906, at Westport, Alberta, of Miss Olive B. Oliver to Wm. W. Rice. William is an old Chatham boy and is the oldest son of Mrs. John Rice, Brook St., this city. His many friends in Chatham will wish him and his bride much happiness and prosperity in the future.

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WANT—GERBER

At eight o'clock yesterday morning Albert Want, of Howard Township, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Gerber, of the same township, the ceremony taking place at St. Joseph's church. The happy couple left on a short wedding trip during the morning and upon their return they will take up their residence in Howard.

The person who is none of these things.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF

J.M. Pike Wins an Important Seine Case at Wallaceburg

KIME GETS \$7 DAMAGES

The case of George Kime, of Mitchell's Bay, against W. B. Wells, Division Court Clerk, of this city, for damages for unlawfully taking away and detaining the carp seine of the plaintiff, was tried by His Honor Judge Dowlin with a jury at Division Court held at Wallaceburg on Tuesday.

It was shown that plaintiff is a fisherman, having a carp fishing license to fish in Lake St. Clair opposite lots one and two, 11th concession, part of the Big Point Club shooting preserve; that on 18th of May last the water being rough plaintiff could not get across the Bay with his "carp" of carp and he tied his boat to a pole on the shore and placed the seine on a pole about three feet from the water's edge. During the night the seine disappeared and when Kime went to get it to fish next day he found it was not where he had left it the evening before. He made enquiries and during the morning of the 17th asked Mr. Wells if he had seen it. This Mr. Wells denied.

Afterwards in the afternoon Kime, from the Big Point observatory, where he was posted, observed Wells get out of a canoe and go straight to the place on the fish pond, a mile or so away, where the seine had been deposited, get the seine, put it in his canoe and paddle with it to a point about a quarter of a mile from where the seine was originally left by Kime on the lake shore.

This high handed dealing with his property was resented by Kime, hence the lawsuit.

The jury brought in a verdict Tuesday in favor of the plaintiff Kime, and judgment was entered in plaintiff's favor for \$7.00 damages and costs. Much interest has centered in the case both in this city and the Township of Dover. J. M. Pike appeared for plaintiff and A. B. Cameron for defendant.

Chief Holmes points out that it is against the law to ride a bicycle on the street at a "rate of speed" greater than six miles an hour. There are many offenders in this city who may not be aware of the law in this respect.

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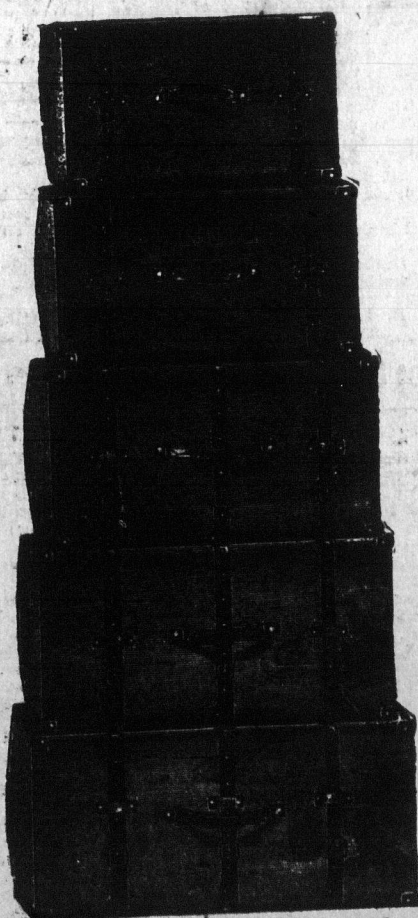
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