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INSIDE INFORMATION ON NATURAL GAS QUESTION

N. H. Stevens Assures The Planet That Inspection Act Will Be Changed

IT WILL BE DONE SOON

Government Realizes The Act Is Not Workable—The Proposed Amendments

"The Government is going to amend the Gas Inspection Act, to allow the use of unpurified gas for illuminating purposes, and they are going to lose no time in doing it; so you can be prepared for legislation of this kind in a very short time."

This was the confident statement made by Mr. N. H. Stevens yesterday, in the course of a conversation with a Planet representative. Mr. Stevens was in Toronto recently, and among other things, he interested himself in finding out all he could about the electric railway and the gas situation, and other matters which are of vital importance to the people of this city. While he was not in a position to divulge the source of his information, he was in a position to state that it came from thoroughly reliable sources, and those who know the active interest which Mr. Stevens always takes in matters pertaining to the welfare of the city, will be assured that at least he knows what he is talking about. They also hope that they will soon see the day when his prophecy comes true.

"I am not financially interested in gas any more than an ordinary ratepayer," continued Mr. Stevens, "but it does seem to me to be rather a hardship that the people of this city are to be denied so long the opportunities afforded them to use natural gas, when we have the article at our doors ready to be turned into the mains. There is one point that has been passed over too lightly. A very small proportion of the users of gas use it for illuminating purposes. As an article of fuel, it is a great boon, and those who would avail themselves to secure it for this, have to wait until the gas is analyzed to settle the illuminating question."

"This same gas has been used in Detroit and Toledo, from the Leamington field, and there were no bad results. In fact the people who used it were greatly enraged when the supply was cut off. We breathe about the same as they do, and so I can see no cause for alarm."

"As far as the proposed legislation is concerned, my information is to the effect that the Government will enforce a rigid inspection of the quality of the pipes and the pressure at which the gas is supplied. In this respect they will duly protect the people, and there will be no more leakage than there is with artificial gas."

"You will find, I think, that no time will be lost in amending this Gas Inspection Act and, in my opinion, the sooner it is done the better it will be for the citizens of Chatham."

THE MARKET BELL

During an interview with Mr. Potter this morning, the information is to the effect that the Government will enforce a rigid inspection of the quality of the pipes and the pressure at which the gas is supplied. In this respect they will duly protect the people, and there will be no more leakage than there is with artificial gas."

Mr. Potter considers this the finest toned bell in the Dominion, and is very strongly of the opinion that the citizens would be much better satisfied to have it strike the twenty-four hours of the day.

A PLEASANT EVENING

Last Monday evening Miss Gertrude Poyd-homme entertained a number of her young friends to a very pleasant social gathering at her beautiful home on Lowe St.

The early part of the evening was spent in playing progressive pedro. The prizes for the greatest number of games were won by Miss Gertrude, Gertrude and E. LaBelle, while F. Gerber and Miss Tennie received the consolation prizes. A dainty supper was then served by the charming hostess, and the remainder of the evening passed away very pleasantly in songs, dancing and music.

ROW OVER CARDS

Windsor, Feb. 13.—It all happened over a friendly game of cards and now Alex. Alice is nursing a bruised head, while Richard and George Zakoor have contributed \$8.80 apiece to the coffers of the city for their little Sunday attack on Alice's cranial. When the three men became involved in the dispute the argument became so strenuous that one of the Zakoor brothers picked up a chair, and used it with good effect over Alice's head, while his brother stood by ready to lend a helping hand if necessary.

The pair were arrested and on Monday morning appeared before Magistrate Bartlett. They settled their fines.

The Zakoor formerly lived in this city.

It takes a woman to make a man feel his want of importance.

CHATHAM TIES THE D. A. C'S BY A SCORE OF SIX TO SIX

Game Broke A Tie At Both Half And Full Time

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Was One Of The Most Exciting Games Ever Witnessed On Local Skating Rink

What was probably the fastest, closest and cleanest exhibition of hockey ever witnessed in this city, was a game played off between a picked team of local players and the D. A. C's, of Detroit, on the local rink last night. The attendance was one of the largest ever present at the skating rink, a lot of the galleries being packed. The ice was in excellent shape, in fact, so keen that the players at times found it difficult to brace themselves to resist checking in combination work.

Both teams were quite evenly matched as regards size and weight. Chatham had a shade the best of it in their defense, but the visitors made up for any deficiency in this regard with their fast and well-practiced forward line. Both goals had lots of work to do, and both had a number of brilliant stops to their credit. Where all did so well it would be unfair to enter into any individual criticism of the work of the local aggregation. The score at time was six to six.

The gladiators dropped onto the frozen arena at 8.20, and at 8.24 Referee Hicks sounded the bell. From that on there wasn't a dory minute till time was finally called. Chatham got the benefit of the face-off, and kept the puck doing a zig-zag start for a full minute, when Baillie neatly passed it to Wilson, who took advantage of what in another second would have been a missed goal, and shoved it in. He followed the goal with a few seconds of fast and furious work. Both teams played hard from the start. The play was pretty well to the centre of the rink for a time, when by dint of a clever piece of combination, Detroit coaxed the puck away, and one minute later Dowse drove it where it would do the most good for the party for Morgan next did the pretty for Chatham in one and one-half minutes, and thirty seconds later, after the face-off, Elliott ploughed through the visitors' defense and passed to Lawson, who scored number three for Chatham. There was a full five minutes' play before Hannenburg manipulated Detroit's second goal. Dowse followed suit in three minutes. Baillie piled up one more for Chatham in four minutes, and during the seven minutes following, Walker and McCarten touched up the nets for Detroit, leaving the score at half time four to four. Just before time Morgan was penalized two minutes for bunting McCarten a little too hard during a melee around the visitors' goal.

Twenty minute halves were played with a ten minute intermission. The second half was by far the most exciting portion of the game, both teams warming up to their work. McCarten failed for Detroit in one minute. Hannenburg was sent to keep company with the spectators for two minutes. Baillie got busy five minutes later, and the crowd yelled. Then Walker made the hearts of the Detroit supporters glad with another goal to their credit. McCarten did some thing he shouldn't while the referee was looking and got two minutes' rest. Just before time Brundage passed to Morgan, who tied the score.

"Time," yelled Timekeeper Kimmerly. The referee neglected to ring his bell, but the Chatham team, who heard the call of the timekeeper, stopped playing. "Time, Time!" bawled the crowd, but the referee still neglected to stop the game, and during the confusion Detroit showed the puck in the Chatham nets. There was some dispute over this last goal, but both timekeepers agreed that it was scored after full time was up. The score was 6-6. The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

CHATHAM.
Goal—Hicks.
Point—Brundage.
Cover Point—Elliott.
Rover—Wilson.
Right Wing—Baillie.
Centre—Lawson.
Left Wing—Morgan.
DETROIT.
Goal—Cline.
Point—Gearing.
Cover Point—Carrin.
Rover—Dowse.
Right Wing—Walker.
Centre—McCarten.
Left Wing—Hannenburg.
Referee—Art. Hicks.
Goal Umpires—Pont Taylor and Mr. Smith.
Timekeepers—Earl Kimmerly and Mr. McBeth.

The Situation Up-To-Date

At the meeting of the Council Monday evening a committee composed of Alds. Austin and Potter and the Mayor was appointed to see that the natural gas is analyzed and the report of the analyst presented to the council.

This committee met yesterday and drafted a letter to the Government asking what steps they should take to have the gas analyzed. After they receive these instructions which will be probably a week or two, they will have to send the gas away to be analyzed. This means more delay. The committee can now do nothing until they hear from the Government. They are undecided as to whether or not they will have two tests or not.

This delay is unfortunate as the citizens will now have to wait until this committee is through before they can even hope to get natural gas. In the meantime they are paying four times the price they would otherwise pay for gas.

It is up to the committee to make the best use of every minute.

MR. JONES AND MR. STONE

Engineer Answers Few Statements Made By Piqued Mayor

SYSTEM IS ADVOCATED

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—I would be something less than a man if I did not reply to Mayor Stone's arraignment of me at the Council Board. The story told is practically correct, with the exception of a few details, as follows: I never refused to give the Mayor oil or anything else, but gave him a permit to obtain it. Mr. Scane gave no oil to the waterworks as stated, but asked permission to test some oils, which was freely given, these tests being solely in his own interest, the oil remaining after the test was turned to Mr. Scane, and the oil used during the test was the oil supposed to be given to the waterworks. Mayor Stone states in effect that I carry red tape to extremes. That I am not inflexible and above criticism I am fully aware. I have tried to do right and have given my best efforts and attention to the various duties I have to perform, and if I have failed it is not for want of trying. To my mind municipal management of the several departments belonging to the city should be conducted along the lines laid down by successful private firms and as close to the nature of the case will admit. In all work where many men are employed there is a head or manager under him sub-managers and a foreman to each gang, and I have yet to learn that in any well conducted establishment the head manager gives his orders directly to the workmen. If he did so he must be constantly conflicting with the orders given to the men by the foreman, productive of loss of discipline and system. The above business principle I have endeavored to carry out in connection with the waterworks department, hence all employees must have an order. Continued on Page Four.

WHY WAS HE IGNORED?

Gov't's Evident Lack Of Confidence In McCoig Re Liberal Patronage

GEO. STEPHENS ADVISES

Mr. James Waugh, of this city, has received the appointment as Agent for the Canadian Government Employment Department, and has been authorized to act as the Government's agent in this city to place immigrants from the United Kingdom in positions as farm laborers or domestic servants.

The appointment is an important one, and one which would have been quite generally acceptable. It is understood that Mr. Waugh was the selection of Mr. Geo. Stephens, ex-M. P., who, it is believed, still holds considerable of the Liberal patronage, in spite of the fact that the local Liberals have nominated Mr. A. B. McCoig to deal out these little favors. It is understood that the Government wrote to Mr. Stephens in preference to Mr. McCoig, and asked him to recommend a man, which he did.

While the appointment is generally conceded as a suitable one, and Mr. Stephens is viewed as competent as any Liberal to make the appointment, still this action on the part of the Government, is looked upon by the McCoig faction as a direct slap at the candidature of the man who has been placed in the field to contest the next general election (against Mr. H. S. Clements, the present holder of the seat). They realize that Mr. McCoig, if he is to make any showing at all, will need all the assistance his friends can give him, and the handing out of these jobs would help considerably. This evident lack of confidence in McCoig on the part of the Government he is supposed to represent, by no means tends to strengthen the weakening hopes of the local Liberal machine.

Natural Gas Now Used By Farmers Of Tilbury

No Attempt at Purification Is Made By People Who Are Enjoying The Great Benefits Of Nature's Own Gift—

Mr. Coate's Interview

Mr. P. S. Coate, when interviewed yesterday in reference to the action of the Council Monday night, in deciding to have the natural gas of the Tilbury field analyzed before they would allow it to be circulated through the mains of the Chatham Gas Company, said that of course, now, the company will be unable to carry out their intention of the order given by their newspaper advertisements, and the gas will not be provided to the citizens on February 15. The whole matter is now delayed for some time, until the analysis is made and the report presented to the Council.

"I presume," said Mr. Coate, "that the Council will proceed at once to secure a sample of the gas and send it away. They will, I suppose, have to secure an analyst first. I should say that the work of securing the analysis could be done in two weeks, if every effort were made to hasten the matter, but it is quite likely that there will be delays which will extend the time much longer. The Gas Company will do all in their power to shorten this time."

"After the Council receives this report, and if it meets with their approval, we will have to notify our patrons when we will turn on the gas, and all of the advertising that we have done will have to be done over again. When we are in a position to advertise the date for sure,

we will then have to give our customers a proper notice, and give them plenty of time to make the necessary changes."

"Not one-tenth of the people have the changes made in their stoves at the present time. The discussions and the letters in the press have caused many of them to delay making the changes. We have hundreds of orders now for men to work on gas stoves and fit them up to receive natural gas, but our men went out to-day and returned without doing anything. The people upon whom they called said that they were not ready to undertake any changes until this matter of purification is settled. You see it places us in a very awkward position."

"At the Council meeting Monday night, Ald. Austin asked why in our agreement with the producing company, we insisted upon a clause relative to the purification, when we thought that the gas would not have to be purified. Now we have an agreement with the producing company to sell gas at 25 and 35 cents. We knew the Gas Inspection Act as it stood made it necessary to purify the gas for illuminating purposes. If this clause were not inserted in our agreement with the producing company, and if the Act were not amended, we would have to purify it. Continued on Page Four.

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GRAY'S CHINA HALL

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