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NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE.

A special meeting of the City Council will be called shortly to consider the advisability of granting a natural gas franchise to a company who in turn will undertake to supply the citizens with this most desirable article for light, heat and fuel. The matter forms one of the most important questions brought before the Council this year, and careful judgment and foresight should be exercised in dealing with this subject.

Every alderman at the Board should make himself thoroughly acquainted with the subject of natural gas, statistics should be looked up, and other places where gas is used should be communicated with—Chatham should have the benefit of their experience in the matter of granting franchises—and in this way much trouble might be avoided in the future.

How many of the aldermen occupying seats in the Council to-day know anything about the subject of natural gas, except what has been told to them by local oil operators since the present question has come up? How many of them have taken the trouble to try to find out anything more? How many are in a competent position to vote intelligently on the matter of granting a franchise if the question would come up to-morrow?

This is not intended to be any reflection on the intelligence of the aldermen of this city. The subject of natural gas is a study by itself, and it is a question if there are many men in the city, on or off the Council, who would be in a position to talk intelligently on the subject without first looking carefully and thoughtfully into it.

Too much dependence should not be placed upon the statements of the men who are looking for the franchise. While they may be perfectly straightforward in the matter, they are the ones who are most vitally interested in the granting of the franchise, and a man enthusiastic over any scheme is more liable to become over-confident and sanguine than a man looking at the same scheme from a less interested and purely business standpoint.

To the citizens of Chatham, the matter is most important for several reasons. Certain things should be made sure before any definite move is taken. Is the gas in sight, and will it be a lasting quantity? Can the company deliver the gas at a rate which will make its use cheaper, or even as cheap, as wood or coal? Will this rate be charged? There are many other questions arising which should be looked into before the Council moves in the matter.

There is another side. Three tenders only have been received, and it is generally hinted that only one of them is considered favorably. This one comes from a company composed of business men and experienced and recognized financiers, but surely their interests would not suffer if a little more time were given to the consideration of this important matter. There is no cause for hurry, and if the offer is a good one for both the city and the company, neither will suffer through a thorough investigation of all its features.

It has been stated by an experienced oil man that a natural gas rate of 18 cents would not warrant its general use as fuel, as coal is very much cheaper than gas at that figure.

This may, or may not, be true, but the opinion is stated in all sincerity by a man in a position to speak with authority. The rates quoted in the tenders are much in excess of this. If the rate were placed at this figure, and the company could not afford to lower it, the scheme for using gas for fuel might be entirely out of the question, and the fuel question is one of the chief objects in granting a franchise.

It is to be hoped that the Council will not be hasty at their next meeting when dealing with this question. They should take plenty of time, for a good bargain, even if it is a little late, is far better than a poor one made immediately.

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FIELDING OTHERWISE OCCUPIED.

We are now within two months of the time of the meeting of Parliament, the first business of which is supposed to be the revision of the tariff. So far, Mr. Fielding has been too busy explaining away the election scandals in his own constituency to do much with the work of revision. He is still not quite sure that he will be in Parliament when the House meets, or whether he will be qualified to sit in any parliament during the next seven years. There is a report that he will take the risk of disqualification and be a candidate in Colchester after the appointment of Mr. Lawrence to the Bench. At the present moment it is thought that the Finance Minister is giving more attention to these personal matters than to the question of maximum and minimum tariff.

"Horse show was a surprise: proves success all round," was the heading which appeared in a St. Thomas daily a few days ago. It is a surprise to us, to learn that a success in St. Thomas is viewed by their own people as a surprise.

Some wise person has written this journal asking if we were not in error in calling the man who was fined for gambling a "gentleman." He thinks that possibly it was sarcasm, or else, probably the appellation has lost its original significance. We presume our correspondent has never heard of the "gentleman's sport," and therefore he should be excused.

Fruit facing has become almost a common offense in some of the eastern cities. In several cases the offenders have been fined heavily, and it has been found out since that this makes the practice unpopular. A look over the Chatham market might reveal a few secrets, and even if an inspection shows that the fruit is good all the way down the basket, it is a good idea to keep it that way.

HIS OPPORTUNITY.

Hamilton Herald.

Harmer Greenwood, so it is said, may stay in Canada and go into politics. As leader of the Ontario Liberalist.

LAPSE OF MEMORY.

St. Thomas Times.

By the way, Messrs. Hyman and Aylesworth have ignored the great question, "What's the price of corn?" How is this?

STILL HOLDS GOOD.

Toronto News.

The footnote in the Methodist Discipline forbidding dancing and card-playing will stand for four years more. The dancing-pump market has weakened perceptibly in consequence.

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FROM PLANET FILES OF HALF A CENTURY AGO

From The Planet files from July 20, 1865, to July 27, 1865.

The Masons were holding Grand Lodge in Toronto.

The announcement was made that "bonnets during the coming season would be worn without crowns, drooping at the back, and consequently ridiculous. All crowns are hoisted hugely. A decree of banishment has also been issued against the masked balls and lovely narrow draperies will reign in their stead. A style named the Empire prevails hugely." From this it will be learned that the Empire style of to-day is nothing new, and that fifty years ago it prevailed in millinery and dress goods materials.

Oil was reported to have been found near Newburg and Kingston.

A plague of grasshoppers was reported to be destroying crops in many sections of the country.

Important gold discoveries had been made in Australia.

Deaths from the cholera plague were reported by the wholesale in Europe. The plague was spreading with fearful rapidity.

A correspondent from Bothwell stated that the yield of oil in the wells in that vicinity was over 500 barrels a day. Some large engines

for the operation of the pumps were being manufactured in Chatham.

The front page of the edition of July 27th was devoted to the speech of Hon. Joseph Howe on Reciprocity at the International Commercial Convention held in Detroit. The speech was given in full in eight columns of closely set type.

A great fire occurred in San Francisco, destroying large public buildings. The total loss amounted to \$500,000.

The cricketers met at the Rankin House and formed a cricket club. John Mercer was appointed patron, and the following officers were elected: David Walker, president; W. S. Ireland, vice-president; George Atkinson, secretary-treasurer, and Jas. Oldershaw team captain.

A Mr. Benjamin, of Bothwell, sold a portion of his interests in the Bothwell oil field for \$45,000.

Mr. Joseph M. Taylor, of Chatham, was successful in obtaining from the Military School of Instruction at London a second class certificate. He obtained one of the three second class certificates granted among the 33 applicants who passed.

Rev. Wm. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was presented with a purse containing \$100 by an admiring member of his congregation.

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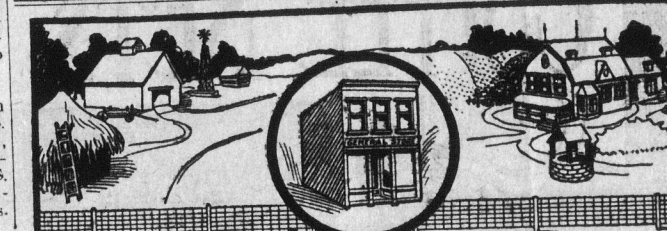
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