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2 Carpet Specials

Our February Sale of Carpets and Curtains has already advanced beyond our expectations. To keep the interest from flagging and give you still greater money-saving chances we place on sale to-morrow (**Thursday**) two Carpet Specials.

Wilton Carpet in rich Olive Green ground, with floral design, handsome border to match, regular price \$1.15 a yd., on sale, made and laid for 89c

4-Frame English Brussels Carpet in handsome Brown ground with vine design, artistic border to match, regular price \$1.00 a yard, on sale, made and laid for 78c

These two Carpets are on Exhibition in our East Window. See Them!

Silks

In our West Window you will see a display of Japan Wash Silks. These silks are crystal corded, and are amongst the most satisfactory fabrics made for wash waists. The colors are Plain Ivory and Ivory Grounds Striped with Pink, Sky, Rose, Oxblood, Grey, Helio and Green, the regular value is 50c. a yard, the entire lot is on sale at

39c. a Yard.

Out of town customers will be cheerfully supplied with samples on application.

Cushion Cords

Cushion cords in immense variety of Plain and Mixed Colors, to match any color or combination of colors, in mercerized cotton cords at per yard, 10c., silk cords at per yard,

20c.

White Cottons, Long Cloths, &c.

If you are now doing your Spring underwear sewing we can supply you with any quality, any weight, any finish, and any price in all sorts of white wash fabrics.

Long Cloths, Cambrics, Lawns and Dimities.

Extra fine pure English long cloth, full yard wide, soft finish, very special value, at a yard, 10c.

Fine White Cambrics, high finish, free from dressing, full yard wide, excellent value, at a yard, 12 1/2-20

Neat dimity cords, Scotch manufacture, serviceable and pretty, large variety of patterns, special values at 18c., 20c. and 25c.

Extra qualities in fine English Victoria and India Lawns, at a yard 12c., 15c., 20c. and 25c.

Thomas Stone & Son.



Boys.

There's nothing that the same amount of money will buy that will give a boy more pleasure than a pair of

...RUBBER BOOTS...

A boy without a pair of Rubber Boots these days is in no shape to enjoy winter sports. We carry all styles, all sizes, all prices

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THE SHOE MAN
PHONE 248

THE ANNOYANCE

Caused by using rusty and leaky kitchen utensils is all done away with by using the

Fine Enamelled Ware

we carry. It stands the test of constant use most satisfactorily. A large assortment of

Graniteware

kept in stock. Every housekeeper should use it.

JOHN A. MORTON Hardware Merchant.

BONDSMEN AND COUNTY COUNCIL REACH AMICABLE AGREEMENT

Decision to Avoid Lawsuit in the Settlement of the Shamblesau Shortage—Council Offer to Accept \$8,000 and Bondsmen Signify their Willingness.

After spending a greater part of the day in committee of the whole, discussing the offer of settlement made by the bondsmen of the late Treasurer, the County Council resumed yesterday afternoon about five o'clock. The Warden was in the chair and all the members were in their seats. The following offer from the bondsmen was read:

We hereby offer and agree, jointly and severally to pay to you the said corporation of the County of Kent the sum of seven thousand dollars upon receipt of which (if you accept this offer) you are to release and discharge your late Treasurer and his sureties, Alexander Fraser, J. H. Fraser, John Scott, D. C. Macdonald, J. W. Steinboff and Robert Riddell from all liability to you and the said corporation are to assign to us or to our nominee, if required, your rights or claims against the Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Co. as surety for said Treasurer and (if required) authorize us or our nominee to bring a necessary action in your name to recover such claim or right upon your being indemnified to your satisfaction. This offer may be accepted by a resolution of your council at any time within one week from this date and is irrevocable and when so accepted the \$7,000 will be forthwith payable; and Shamblesau is to acknowledge that there is at this date no indebtedness or liability from you or any of you to him; and you reserve (without release or discharge) any and all claims and rights that you have had against any other officer, person, or corporation for or in respect of the conduct of the duties of Treasurer or the acts of such other officer, person or corporation in their dealings with said Treasurer, but this reservation does not extend to any person who is or was surety upon any bond for said Treasurer.

Signed and sealed Feb. 13, 1903.
J. H. FRASER,
JOHN S. FRASER,
D. A. GORDON.

Witness:
JOHN A. WALKER.

Then, on motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McCoy, Rule 21 was so as to prevent of bringing in the following motion:

It was moved by Mr. Sifton, seconded by James Ross, that whereas an offer in writing bearing date of the 13th day of February, A. D., 1903, has been made to the Warden and Council and corporation of the County of Kent by J. H. Fraser, J. S. Fraser and D. A. Gordon for a release and discharge of the sureties of A. L. Shamblesau, the late Treasurer of the County of Kent from all liability to the County of Kent as set out in said offer.

Be it therefore resolved that this Council agree to release and discharge the said Shamblesau and his said sureties from such liability, as in said offer mentioned on receipt by the corporation of the County of Kent of the sum of \$8,000, reserving all its claims and rights against any other officer, person or corporation as mentioned or referred to in said offer. And that the said sureties be required to signify their acceptance of this offer forthwith.

Mr. Haggart moved, seconded by Mr. Chinnick, that \$8,000 be struck out and \$10,000 be inserted in the foregoing motion.

J. N. McCoy, speaking to the motion, said that the motion received \$8,000 had passed in the committee, and should also pass in the Council. Under the circumstances, the offer of the sureties should be accepted. Their offer was a good bargain. If the Council persisted in its demand for \$10,000, which was the whole amount for which the sureties were liable, it would mean a law suit. What expense a law suit might mean had yet to be found out. Mr. McCoy was not present to advocate any individual, but to advocate the best interests of the County. He didn't like law suits, as nothing was to be gained by them.

Mr. Ross said that the offer of the bondsmen was being raised \$1,000. If the amendment carried, the offer was in reality refused.

Mr. Somers said that he didn't see what use there had been in calling the Council if the offer was not to be accepted. The Warden could have demanded the \$10,000 without calling the Council. The Council didn't yet know that the offer to accept \$8,000 would be favorable to the bondsmen.

Mr. Haggart's amendment failed to carry, and the original motion, offering to accept the \$8,000, carried.

Mr. French asked for the yeas and nays on the original motion. They were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Handy, Horal, McCoy, Reynolds, Ross, Sifton, Somers, Grant and the Warden.

Nays—Messrs. Chinnick, French, Haggart, Sturgis and Vester.

On motion of Mr. Sifton, seconded by Mr. Ross, the Warden was appointed to accept the money from the sureties.

Barriester J. S. Fraser then addressed the Council. He said that the sureties would accept the offer of the Council. He believed the Council had dealt with the bondsmen in a fair, straight-forward way. There was a good deal to be said on both sides. The Council had certainly been negligent, though not intentionally, perhaps, in the appointment of auditors. Not

one of the bondsmen would have remained on the bond had they known the truth about the way audits were conducted. If the County Council had appointed Government auditors this would never have happened.

Mr. Horal stated that the Moravian bridge needed some fixing.

Mr. McCoy, chairman of the Bridge committee, said that he would attend to the matter.

The Clerk read a communication from the secretary of the Free Library of the town of Bothwell, stating that by oversight they had not received the County grants for the past six years.

On motion of Mr. Horal, seconded by Mr. Sifton, the motion to pay the back grants carried.

WERE MARRIED

Kent County Young Couple Who Laughed at Parental Opposition

Owosso, Mich., Feb. 17.—Christmas Day Miss Edith Long, of Chatham, Ont., and Mr. Geo. T. Henderson, of Dover, Ont., were married in this city at the home of the bride's uncle, Alex. Johnson. The marriage was kept a secret, and was announced only yesterday. The young people's parents objected to her marrying Henderson. She came over here on a visit. Later, she summoned her lover, and the ceremony was performed. Parental forgiveness has been received, and the young couple have returned to their home near Dover, where Mr. Henderson has a fine farm.

TWO SERIOUS FIRES.

WINNIPEG SUFFERS A LOSS OF OVER \$100,000.

Banfield Carpet Establishment Gutted—Another Big Blaze—Quebec Firemen Injured by Falling Walls.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Fire completely gutted the five-story stone block occupied by Banfield's carpet establishment on Main street yesterday. It was a bitterly cold day, and as the fire had secured good headway the firemen could do little to check the fury of the flames. The substantial character of the block prevented any damage to adjoining buildings. Mr. Banfield's loss on stock will be in the neighborhood of \$90,000, while the building was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. Above the carpet establishment the rooms were occupied by Messrs. Robert Boyd, agent; J. F. & W. F. Taylor, dental surgeons; Jos. Greenfield, architect; W. D. Pettigrew, agent; the Albertus & Schich Land company; Miss Adelaide Weston, dressmaker; Miss Austin, Christian Scientist; the High Court of Foresters. All the contents of the rooms were destroyed. The insurance on the building, amounting to \$20,000, was held as follows:—Guardian, \$2,000; Quebec, \$5,000; Royal, \$10,000; Union, \$3,000. The insurance on the stock, amounting to \$40,500, was placed as follows:—British American, \$3,000; Caledonian, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$3,500; Hartford, \$2,000; Manitoba, \$2,000; Canadian, \$1,500; North American, \$2,000; North British & Mercantile, \$2,500; Northern, \$2,500; Phoenix of London, \$2,000; Quebec, \$1,000; Queen, \$2,000; Royal, \$2,500; Scottish Union & National, \$1,000; Sun, \$4,000; Union, \$4,000; Equity, \$1,500.

Quebec, Feb. 18.—At 4.45 a.m. yesterday a double alarm was sounded for a fire in La France's book bindery and Mercier's printing office at the foot of Mountain Hill. The fire spread to the adjoining building, occupied by Geo. Belleau, wholesale dry goods, and the office of the Canadian Express Company. The two buildings and contents were totally destroyed. Firemen had a hard job owing to severity of weather to keep the fire from spreading further.

The losses are estimated at \$90,000, and there is insurance to the amount of about \$50,000, as follows:—On the building belonging to Mrs. Wheeler, \$13,000, in the Caledonian Company; G. N. Belleau Company, on stock, \$32,500, as follows: Insurance Company of North America, \$12,500; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,500; Alliance, \$5,000; Atlas, \$2,000; National, \$2,500. Total \$32,500.

J. E. Mercier, on printing outfit, Royal, \$1,000; Ottawa, \$1,000.

The Neptune Inn, owned by Thos. Leveille, has been damaged to the extent of \$2,000. He is insured for \$13,000. Geo. E. La France had no insurance.

About 5 o'clock a portion of a brick wall collapsed suddenly and three firemen, named Michael Stepleton, Moses Murphy and J. B. Dubuc, were seriously injured.

NEW POST-OFFICES

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—It is announced that the following new post offices have been established in Ontario: Beaver Meadow, Sombra Township; Bothwell, Bying Inlet North, Wallbridge, Muskoka, and Parry Sound (reopened); Erie, Walpole Township; South Norfolk (reopened); Judge Casey Township, Nipissing (reopened); Kent, Centre Harwich Township, Kent, Lee Valley, Hallam Township, Nipissing. The post office at Sidney Crossing, West Hastings, has been closed.

C. P. R. TO HAVE A FLEET.

SIR WM. VAN HORNE MAKES DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Negotiating With Elder-Dempster Company For the Purchase of Twelve or Eighteen Ships.

New York, Feb. 18.—Sir William Van Horne, Chairman of the Board of the Canadian Pacific Railway, arrived from Havana.

Sir William Van Horne was asked whether it was correct that the Canadian Pacific was negotiating for the North Atlantic fleet, the Elder-Dempster Line. He replied:—"I have been away from home for some time, and I do not know whether or not the negotiations have been concluded. I do not know just how far the matter has gone, but we have been negotiating with the line for the purchase of from a dozen to a dozen and a half of their ships for some time. I cannot say just what number we have been figuring on, but it is somewhere between those figures."

"As I have said before," he continued, "Canada has for some years been raising the sides of her hopper without enlarging the spout. We are simply trying to do our share of enlarging this spout. This move is in no way an effort to compete with the Morgan combine for business, or to divert any traffic from New York. The Canadian Pacific has plenty of business for a line of its own across the ocean. Our object is to have our own ships to accommodate our own business and not have to run around dicker for ships to carry our freight. We are getting old on our legs, and are not as spry as some of the younger people, and are apt to get left in chartering vessels when we need them most, so we propose to have our own."

When asked what the Canadian Pacific had offered for the Elder-Dempster fleet, Sir William said:—"We have not told anyone what we offered to pay, or what our limit would be in the matter of price. If we did that the other side would have a sure thing to go on. As a matter of fact there have been offers and counter-offers going on between us for months. When they are consummated I may be able to say more on the subject."

SEVENTEEN DROWNED.

River Steamer Struck by a Cyclone and Sunk.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—A cyclone struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plies between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9.30 o'clock and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan River. Seventeen people were drowned, and others who were rescued are in a serious condition. The whirlwind, when it struck the Olive, threw her on her beam ends. When she righted it was only to sink on account of the water she had taken in. A majority of the passengers and crew were below at the time, and had no opportunity to reach the pilot house of the vessel, which alone remained above water. Captain Withy and five others saved themselves by standing all night in the pilot house in water up to their waists. At 6 o'clock the river steamer Petit hove in sight and rescued the almost frozen survivors.

It is reported that Lord Charles Beresford has been offered and has accepted the command of the channel squadron.

THE ROYAL TEMPLARS.

Meeting of the Grand Council at Cobourg.

Cobourg, Feb. 18.—The Grand Council of Ontario Royal Templars of Temperance began its annual meeting here yesterday. About 150 delegates were in attendance to-day, more being expected to-morrow. Grand Councilor J. A. Austin, in his annual report, dealt with the referendum. The result, he said, showed the unfairness of the arbitrary standard the temperance people were asked to attain. However, he said, we have gained a position for ourselves and the cause which can never again be ignored, and it is acknowledged even by the friends of the trade that its days are numbered, and it cannot be many months before the licensed liquor traffic will be swept completely and, we hope, forever from this Province.

During both forenoon and afternoon much time was taken by the sessional committees, and the sessions of the Grand Council were short. In the afternoon, after considerable discussion, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the efforts of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to induce the Dominion Parliament to legislate against the cigarette. There was no difference of opinion as to the gravity of the evil. The only question was how best to secure the needed action. Some attention was given to the details of the sick and funeral benefit department.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Marshall presided, and the delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Isaac Wilson, upon behalf of the County W. C. T. U.; Mr. A. R. Lee, Select Councilor of Union Council, and Major Snelgrove, Regent of the Royal Arcanum. Replies were made by Grand Councilor J. A. Austin, Grand Past Councilor Frank Buchanan, and Grand Chaplain Rev. W. J. Pady of Toronto Junction.

C. P. R. Boats Run to Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 17.—The "Soo" Line steamers, run in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway, will make Windsor their railway terminal point this season, instead of Owen Sound, as formerly. Such was the purpose of a communication that Samuel Buchanan, the Windsor agent, sent to the City Council last night. Mr. Buchanan's letter was in the form of a petition for electric lights on the C. P. R. docks. It hinted that the intention of the company was to divert much of the traffic which is now being handled through Owen Sound to this city. Thirty-five thousand dollars will be spent in building warehouses and other improvements for handling the freight. A weekly increase in salaries of \$500 is promised.

Boys' Shoes

for this wet, changeable weather.

Solid leather throughout.

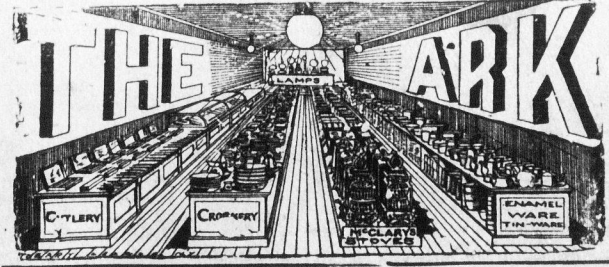
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