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Ladies' Tweed Suitings

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THIS WEEK

The very newest types, colorings and styles in ladies' suitings for late spring and summer wear, in the fashionable self plaids and checks.

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Ladies—See our Window Display of Beautiful White Wear Specialty.
On Sale This Week—Special Ladies' Suits, made of fine lawn, Ladies' Waists, Underskirts, Corset Covers, Night Gowns, Vest Bels and Collars.
Beautiful White Lawn Suits, trimmed with lace and insertion, from \$3.50 to \$7.50.
A large assortment of Ladies' Lawn and Organza Waists, trimmed with tucked lace and insertion, from 45c up to \$3.
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Skirts sold at actual Half Value.
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Delivered to any part of the city in sealed sterilized bottles, at the regular prices.

Try our Fresh Cream, Butter and Buttermilk and Guaranteed Fresh Eggs.

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Dr. Neil Smith
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Office over A.L. McCall & Co's Drug Store
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Phone 164.

STRICTLY PRIVATE YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE AND WEDDING RING VONGUNTEN'S

Minard's Liniment cures Colds, etc.

PRESENTS HIS SIDE OF IT

Mr. Walker Thinks Citizens Should Not Object to Raising of Rates

Objects to The Planet's Criticism of Action of Chatham Navigation Co

To the Editor of The Chatham Daily Planet, Chatham, Ont.:

Sir,—Your issue of yesterday under the heading of "Dissatisfied over the raise of rates," contains statements so reckless and utterly regardless of truth that the article must have been inserted without your knowledge. It is very much to be regretted that statements so absolutely untrue, and the untruthfulness of which could have been so easily ascertained, should have been given publicity. It would seem as if the object of the writer was maliciously and designedly to injure the Chatham Navigation Company and the crew of its steamer.

As far as the increase of fifteen cents in the rates is concerned there can be no objection to newspapers honestly commenting upon the policy of the company if they wish. The company thinks they are still very reasonable, in fact much lower than on any similar route anywhere. The citizens of Chatham recognize, although the newspapers, for some reason, overlook the fact that it is entirely due to this company that the railways give reduced rates to Detroit during the season of navigation. This company is not the only party whose rates have been raised, as those who advertise in newspapers can testify.

The steamer "City of Chatham" was never in a safer or better condition than at present. A very considerable sum of money—much more than the public have any conception of—was expended in fitting her out this season, and making improvements upon her with a view to the comfort of her passengers. She never had a more competent crew, several of whom have sailed on her for a number of years, and where changes in her officers have been made this year they have been to her disadvantage. No trouble in any way, shape or form has occurred in the navigation of the steamer this season, and in no instance has she grounded.

If The Planet desires another passenger steamer on the route it should at least be fair to the present company which consists, for the most part, of heavy ratepayers of its own city. The Chatham newspapers are zealous in advocating bonuses and aid to outside corporations to begin business here, they should not, however, overlook the equal importance of honest and considerate treatment of local enterprise, and in any event they should prevent the possibility of such false and malicious paragraphs, as those referred to, finding a place in their columns.

Yours truly,
J. A. WALKER,
President Chatham Navigation Co.
May 30, 1907.

The writer of the above professes great indignation with The Planet for giving currency to a report frequently heard on the streets in reference to the advance in the charges made by the Chatham Navigation Company in its rates between this city and Detroit on the steamer City of Chatham, but the public has a right to criticize this act, the same as it would have to criticize the Chatham Gas Company, if an increase in the price of gas were contemplated. The writer also insinuates that the citizens of Chatham have not shown a liberal spirit in their treatment of this local enterprise, but the fact that the company each year can declare a dividend to its stockholders of 10 and 15 per cent—and, if reports be true, even a higher rate—it is quite evident that there is no ground for complaint on this score. Even at a lower rate, the company should have been satisfied, without putting an additional tax on its passengers. Nobody will ever have occasion to accuse Mr. Walker of spending his hard-earned money in any public enterprise that has not a financial consideration, but he has been quite willing that the poor property owner should contribute to swell the profits of The Navigation Company's stockholders, without receiving any benefit. With reference to the report that the steamer grounded on more than one occasion this season, the Captain and Steward say the report is incorrect, and The Planet accepts their statements, and is glad to know that the report, which came from what we considered a reliable source, was an error. It is not The Planet's desire to injure anyone, much less through a misstatement, and in this case we have no reason to doubt the word, or the efficiency, of the present crew.—Ed. Planet.

BIG ENTHUSIASM PREVAILS AMONG BYLAW SUPPORTERS

Large Meeting Of Energetic Workers Held Last Evening—Bylaw Is Gaining Ground Every Day—Good Thing For Chatham

A broad happy smile of delight adorned the face of Secretary C. H. Mills of the Board of Trade last evening. It wasn't the smile that "won't" come off—it was rather the smile that "can't" come off. It was the kind of a beaming countenance which a man wears when he is enthused over work that is right in his line.

Talk about your enthusiasm," he said to a Planet man who dropped across to see what was doing at the Board of Trade rooms, "this has got anything beaten that I ever saw. Say! This city is simply full of workers! And better than that, they are workers who are in earnest and who know how to work."

A glance around the rooms showed that Mr. Mills knew what he was talking about. All of the rooms were filled to overflowing, and it was long into the evening before the last man went home. Every man there was doing something.

It was a meeting of the chairman of the committees who were appointed to canvass the various wards of the city for the Wolvenerne Works By-law. All of the chairman were there, and not only the chairmen, but also other wide-awake citizens who were interested in the city, and anxious to see the by-law pass. Everyone was welcome, for there was work for everyone. The reports showed that the various men who were selected to do this important work have certainly not been idle. They have been working hard, and the result is that the whole city voters' list has been gone over, and dead men and non-residents have been marked off, and opinions given as to how the vote will probably go. The result of this is that the Board of Trade know where they are at on the by-law question, and they know what will have to be done to get the measure past the polls.

The reports are very encouraging, and there seems to be no doubt that the by-law will be carried. The Board of Trade is still working, however, in fact they have just lately started to work, and there will be no letting up until the last vote is polled.

It was an inspiration to look into the rooms and see the enthusiasm there displayed. The thing which struck the visitor was the fact that men who are busy men—men who have business cares and labors which take up their entire time—were looking large private interests, and devoting their valuable time freely to the city. When such men as these are public-spirited enough to get out and boost the city through working for a measure which means advancement to Chatham, other men should surely do their part by assisting with their votes at least. While there are many laboring men who are doing great service in connection with the present proposition, the great majority of the workers are men who will receive the most indirect benefit from the proposed new factory. This is surely a great point in favor of the proposition. It is quite a natural thing to see men of a laboring class booming a scheme which means so much to them, such as the present one will, but when men who comparatively speaking, will receive the least benefit are enthusiastic in their praise and labor, it shows that the proposition must indeed be a worthy one. These men, of course, will all receive their proportion of the benefit along with every citizen.

The campaign is on in full earnest, and those who are looking for the city's best good are earnestly hoping that the ratepayers will carry the by-law with an overwhelming majority.

The following men were present at the meeting last evening, presenting favorable reports on the splendid work they have been doing:
Division 1—Messrs. French, Blonde, Frank McKeough and Snider.
Division 2—Messrs. Black, Pritchard and London.
Division 3—Messrs. Hadley, Soane, McCorvie, Ruthven and Winters.
Division 4—Messrs. Taylor, Robinson and Pike.
Division 5—Messrs. Andrews, Liddy, Taylor and Thompson.
Division 6—Messrs. Hy. Smith, Hadley and Daniels.
Division 7—Messrs. Chas. Hadley, J. M. Northwood, Glassford and Sheldon.
Division 8—Messrs. Rispin, Aitken and Simon.
Division 9—Messrs. Cowan, Fleming, Coate and Piggott.
Division 10—Messrs. Stone, Bansen, Drew and Hancock.
Division 11—Messrs. J. A. Wilson, Potter, Geo. Blonde, Tschirhart and Taylor.
Division 12—Messrs. Draeder, Harrington, Lowe, Watson, McCall and Savage.
Division 13—Messrs. J. M. Park, Gray, A. Park and Warren Lambert.
Division 14—Messrs. Hy. Smith, Byram, Richards, Weaver and Blight.
Division 15—Messrs. G. O. Scott, Massey, Chas. Allen and F. Baxter.

BATTLEFORD'S ENTERPRISE SERIOUS RUNAWAY NARROWLY AVERTED

Battleford has organized a local company to erect a flour mill and elevator in the town. The company is capitalized at \$40,000 and work will be commenced as soon as half this amount is subscribed. Five thousand dollars was subscribed by those present at the meeting, an evidence of public confidence in the enterprise. It is proposed to erect a mill capable of turning out 125 barrels a day. There are many people in this city interested in property deals in this progressive new western town.

SIDNEY MARKHAM IS INJURED IN A FALL

Sidney Markham, an English workman, recently arrived from the old country, and employed by Blight & Fielder, met with a painful accident this morning. Mr. Markham was wheeling a barrow over a plank on the market square, when the plank gave way, and he was thrown to the pavement. The injured man was taken to the police station, and Dr. T. K. Holmes was telephoned for. The doctor arrived promptly and conveyed Markham to his office, where his injuries were attended to. The cords of one of his legs were found to be badly strained, and his upper lip was cut. He will likely be confined to his home for a few days through his injuries.

TO TAKE TRIP TO ENGLAND

Officer Thomas Groves will Enjoy A Pleasant Holiday

Will Visit His Old Home Which He Has Not Seen For 26 Years

Officer Tom Groves of the city police force, has decided to go on an extended visit to the old country for his summer holidays, and has secured a berth on the magnificent steamer Empress of India, which sails from Montreal July 12.

Officer Groves will visit his father in the city of Ripon, Yorkshire, England, and intends to put in his application to the Police Commissioners for two months holidays. It is 26 years since Mr. Groves last visited his old home. He has been in this country 23 years, and has been a resident of Chatham for the past 27 years. He came here from Kansas, where he had worked for nine months in Sanford and Simmons agricultural works.

Officer Groves' two months holidays have been well earned, and he will no doubt very much enjoy his trip to the old land.

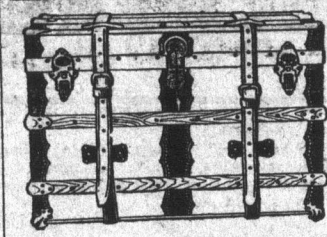
SEAMEN GO ON STRIKE.

Atlantic Liners Delayed At Glasgow—Employers Refuse Demands.

Glasgow, May 31.—The seamen's strike here has reached an acute stage. The employers refuse to recognize the men's unions and have taken no notice of their demands for an advance in wages.

The Atlantic liners due to sail June 1 for New York or Canada have not yet secured crews.

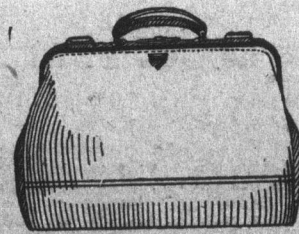
The ship owners are calling a conference of representatives of the various maritime nations to meet in London and devise means for defence against the unions.



TRUNK Bargains!

This week we are showing a canvas covered, iron bound, water proof, oil painted, heavy hard wood slats, Japaned steel clamps and corners, brass monitor lock, large size bolts, strap hinges, rollers; set-up tray with covered hat box. Our price—

28 inch.....\$3.00
30 inch.....\$3.40
32 inch.....\$3.80
34 inch.....\$4.20
36 inch.....\$4.60



CLUB BAGS!

A full line in all sizes, the newest, most up-to-date kinds, Prices from 75c to \$15.00

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We have just received our Annual shipment of Baskets from Germany and Belgium. The

MARKET BASKETS

are exceptionally good and cheap this year. We have twenty five styles to choose from and are sure to suit you if you give us a call.

Clothes Baskets 50c to \$1.

Clothes Hampers (Beauties) \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Everything in the Basket line at a low price for the grade we sell.

The Store with the Stock
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KING & 6th STREETS

2 SPECIALS FOR 2 FRIDAY

Friday, May 31st, we will place on sale

92 Boy's 3-piece Suits

ages 9 years to 12, some slightly soiled. Prices \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00.

'Friday Your Choice

\$2.99

63 Boys' 2 piece Suits, single and double breasted, ages 5, 6, 7, 10. Prices \$2.25 to \$3.50.

Friday yours for

\$1.99

This is a great big offer. The reason—this is a collection of our Suits which must be turned into money. Mothers, here's a chance you can't afford to let go. 8 per cent. Friday morning.

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