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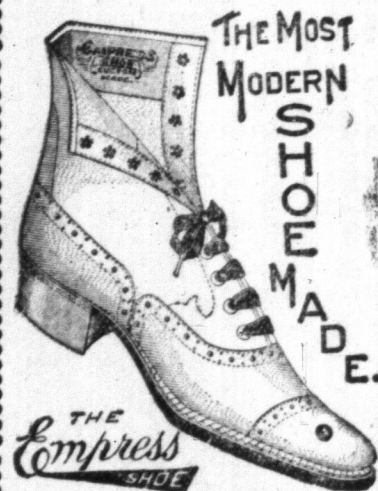
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## OLD BOYS' REUNION

J. M. Pike, secretary of the Old Boys' reunion in conversation with The Planet this morning, said: "The prospects for the reunion are still very bright. We are now awaiting action from the finance committee. Owing to peculiar circumstances they were not able to do any canvassing last week, but they will commence again this week to call upon the citizens and solicit subscriptions to the fund. There is no doubt that the scheme will be a success. All that remains to be done is to collect enough money to carry the project through. I have no doubt but that the money will be easily collected."

## BOWLING CLUB RE-ORGANIZED

**The Players on the Green met  
Last Evening and Elect-  
ed Officers.**

**Fee Fixed at \$3—Two day Tour-  
ament to be held—Rules  
to be Drafted.**

The annual meeting of the Chatham Bowling Club was held in the parlors of the Garner House last evening and was one of the best meetings the club has ever had. A good number of the members were present, including Chairman Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer R. G. Fleming and Messrs. G. B. Merritt, Wilson Taylor, Wm. Robinson, A. E. Jewett, Chas. Dingman, John A. Walker, Dr. Fleming, A. C. Woodward, James Holmes, Alex. Von-Gunten, J. W. Web, J. A. Wilson, and L. E. Tillson.

The financial statement read by Treasurer Fleming was very gratifying and showed that the club is in a good financial condition. A statement of all the games played, last year was also read. The club have great reason to feel proud of their record, being made last year. Both of these reports were adopted unanimously.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed.

They are—President, Dr. J. L. Bray, Vice-President, A. E. Jewett, Sec'y-Treas., R. G. Fleming; Executive committee—John A. Walker, A. H. Von-Gunten and J. E. Thomas.

In moving Dr. Bray, for the office of President, Mr. Jewett said: "I have the great honor in nominating Dr. Bray to this office. In his election we will do a great honor to the club as well as to himself. He is one of the oldest and most experienced bowlers in the old cricketer and curler and he is well worthy of the position. I deeply regret the circumstances which prevent him from being present with us this evening."

In moving Mr. Fleming's reappointment, as Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Walker took occasion to speak very highly of the efficient work done by this officer during the year, being the first he has been in office.

Dr. Fleming and John A. Walker were appointed delegates from the Chatham club to the meeting of the Eastern Bowling Association to be held in London.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Banner-News Printing Company for their generosity in presenting the club with a trophy last year, which was won by the London club.

The club fees were fixed at \$3 for the coming year, the same as last year. During previous years, however, some slight differences arose over admitting some members in the season at a reduced rate.

It was unanimously decided that in future all fees must be paid before the first of June and that no member shall be allowed to play in any of the matches before such fees are paid.

The fee at any time of the year shall be \$3, with an allowance for exceptional cases, subject to the ruling of the executive committee.

Mr. Walker—Are we going to have a tournament this year?

Mr. Fleming—Decidedly yes. I was talking to a Ridgeway bowler the other day and he thought that we ought to have a two-day tournament.

Mr. Holmes—I think we ought to have a tournament lasting two days. The matter was left in the hands of the executive committee to report.

A discussion then arose over difficulties caused by newcomers when a number are playing. Mr. Taylor thought that these men should play in the order in which they arrive on the field, so that a man who is playing skip, or any other position, when the new man arrives, could not have his position taken from him. Exceptions of course could be made where one rank might want to practice together for a match.

This idea met with the entire approval of all present, and the matter was left in the hands of the executive committee to deal with.

Dr. Fleming—Dingman—That the executive committee be empowered to draft out a set of rules to govern the club and the playing and that the rules be submitted for approval to a meeting of the club—Carried.

The matter of the uniformity of the players then came up for discussion. It was decided to dispose of all the bowlers owned by the club, as they were unfit for use, and give the player using them an unfair advantage.

The prospects are that the city club will have one of the most prosperous seasons they have ever had. Already a number of citizens and firms have offered trophies to be played for and no doubt as soon as the season opens bowling will be boomed even more than it has been previously.

## THIS WOULD BE A COLD WORLD IF IT WERE NOT FOR SENTIMENT

**Such Was the Mayor's Plea against Carnegie's Offer—Gift to be Accepted—Braxton Honored—Dog Taxes 1901—Tenders Opened.**

There were no absentees at last night's Council meeting.

The Aldermen are having many 1901 dog taxes to deal with.

The Carnegie grant will be accepted although the Mayor is opposed to it.

The Legislature will be petitioned to amend the Manhood Suffrage Act.

On motion the Council decided to accept no American security for the fulfilling of civic contracts.

Mayor Sulman presents the city with a picture of the delegates to the First Canadian Municipal Convention.

The tenders for street sprinkling, granolithic walks and corporation supplies were opened and referred to the Board of Works to report on.

Luke Braxton presented with a certificate from the Royal Humane Society for the saving of Thomas Hughes' life on November 16th, 1901.

A delegation from the Children's Aid Society was to have addressed the Council last night, but as only part of the delegation showed up, the address was deferred.

The fruit sellers of the city asked that the peddlers of fruit be licensed at \$5 a day for each basket or \$300 a year. The Council decided that enforcing the by-law would be sufficient.

Two picture frames were a feature of last night's meeting of the City Council. It was so much the frames, however, as what was in them.

In one was a view of the main entrance of the City Hall, Toronto, showing the delegates to the first Canadian Municipal Convention held August 28, 29, and 30, 1901. In the group Mayor Sulman, Chatham, ex-Warden Von-Gunten, Blenheim, and William Graham, Ridgeway, are quite apparent. This picture will hang in the City Clerk's office.

In the other frame was a certificate from the Royal Humane Society to Luke Braxton for risking his life in saving Thomas Hughes from the water. When the council had assembled, Mayor Sulman called Luke Braxton forward.

The Mayor said that for quite a number of years it had been the custom of the Royal Humane Society, of which the Governor General and the Premier were most respected members—to present those who had risked their lives in saving others, with some badge of honor. In the present instance the presentation was made because Mr. Braxton had saved the life of Thomas Hughes, on the 16th of November, 1901.

Luke Braxton, hero that he is, accepted the certificate and said:

"Thank you, gentlemen. I can't speak; but I thank you."

He then retired amid the applause of the Council and the spectators.

No formalities accompanied the presentation of the picture to the city.

Ald. Cowan stated that T. W. Roach was assessed for a dog last year. The assessors were around while the family were out of the city and the assessment paper was left with a neighbor and Mr. Roach never got the slip till late in the year.

The Mayor—That needs investigation. I believe there is something behind it all. I refer the matter to Finance to look into.

Ex-Ald. Weaver was granted permission to trim trees under the supervision of the Chief of Police.

Geo. Warren claimed to have been assessed for a dog in 1901 that had been poisoned.—Referred to Finance committee.

J. H. Odershaw's account of 55 cents was referred to the Finance committee with power.

Thomas Martin & Sons' account for 15 leaves of bread was referred to the Finance committee with power.

The auditors for 1901, W. H. Robinson and J. R. Cathart, presented their report. The report was received and the usual 200 copies printed.

The salary of the auditors was ordered paid.

Judge Houston and J. J. Ross were granted permission to trim trees under the supervision of the Chief of Police.

E. S. Bloomfield asked for the position of caretaker of Tecumseh Park.—Referred to Parks and Cemetery committee.

John Green, mail carrier, claimed that he had been injured \$400 worth by reason of the granolithic sidewalk in front of his place on King street. He asked the council to make restitution to Board of Works.

A petition was received from Massey & Knight, and fifty others, asking that the transient fruit dealers be assessed a license of \$5 a day, for each basket, or \$300 per annum.—Referred to Finance.

Ald. McKenough said that Mat Pryor had been to him complaining that his furniture had been levied on for dog

tax. Mr. Pryor claimed that he had never had a dog and referred to Mayor Sulman, Ald. Taylor and Ald. Mounter, to prove his veracity.

Ald. Taylor said that if Mr. Pryor said he hadn't a dog, he was quite sure that he didn't have one.

This matter was referred to Finance with instructions to stop proceedings meanwhile.

Ald. Taylor presented an account from Moses Robinson for \$42.50 for trimming trees. The Alderman from over the creek explained that this was for work of trimming trees along the electric light lines of the city. The city and the Gas Co. had each agreed to pay half.

Ald. McKenough—Nobody ordered that work to go on.

Ald. Taylor said that the account and the work had been done by permission of the Council given at a previous meeting.

Ald. McKenough moved that the account be referred to the Property committee, and it was so referred.

The account of the Chatham Gas Co., \$3.50, was referred to the Finance committee.

The account of the Chatham Gas Co., \$6.50, was referred to the Property committee with power.

The account of the Bell Telephone Co., \$32.60, was referred to the Property committee with power.

The account of John Cooper, \$4.50, was referred to Finance.

Robt. Milner's request to trim trees on William St. was referred to the Chief of Police.

The Mayor said that one of the citizens had noticed in a paper that the Winton Motor Carriage Co. were likely to locate in Canada. He had written to them, but they had said that they had no such present intention, but if they ever had, that they would consider Chatham as a possible site. Referred to the Industrial committee to be filed.

Xavier Matthews appealed against his assessment for a granolithic walk on Joseph St. He said that his residence was on Selkirk St., while he was assessed for a walk on Joseph St. Referred to Finance committee.

Ald. Fleming inquired of the Board of Works if they had considered the purchase of a steel broom for cleaning King St.

FINANCE REPORT.

Chairman McKenough, of the Finance committee, reported that the accounts of J. A. Wilson, \$10.23, and The Planet, \$16.42, be paid.

That the financial statement of the C. C. I. be filed for reference.

That the Mayor and Clerk be empowered to sign a petition to the Legislature, asking that the Manhood Suffrage Act be changed so that the expenses of the Legislative elections would be defrayed by the Government.

That no action be taken re the electric street railway petition.

That the Mayor and Clerk be instructed to sign a petition asking that the Bell Telephone Co. be not allowed to increase their capital stock.

That no action be taken re asking the Government to Change the present law requiring a two-third vote for the passage of a bonus by-law. As it was, the law could be passed in small places now, but a repeal of the law would benefit large cities only and the smaller places wouldn't get any factories.

The report was adopted.

Ald. McKenough stated in reference to the clause re petitioning the Legislature to change the Manhood Suffrage Act, that cities and towns had to furnish booths and pay parliamentary election expenses, while outside municipalities paid nothing. The committee felt that the Government should pay these expenses, so as to equally divide the cost of elections over the whole province. The Mayor said that it had always seemed unfair to him.

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## THE FAR EAST

**High Tension Between Germany and England Over Garrison at Tien-Tsin.**

Peking, March 10.—The policies of Germany and Great Britain in China, which Great Britain hoped had been consolidated by the signing of the Yang-Tse agreement a year ago, have developed an antagonism equal to that of Russia and Japan over Manchuria, and seriously involving the interests of other nations. Germany is the only power refusing to agree to the reduction of the large garrisons the European Governments are maintaining at Tien-Tsin and the restoration of the control of the native city of Tien-Tsin to the Chinese. The British diplomats are trying to help the Chinese to regain the government of Tien-Tsin, and the reason for the British action in blocking the payment of the February instalment of the Chinese indemnity was to bring Germany to terms. The British diplomats regard the argument that the municipal government of Tien-Tsin by Europeans is a military necessity as a subterfuge, and in her role of protector of the Chinese against foreign aggression involved in the Anglo-Japanese alliance, and hoping to increase her prestige among the Chinese, Great Britain is helping them to regain Tien-Tsin. American influence is being used to this same purpose.

## SMALLPOX NO MORE

There is no small-pox in the Maple City.

This satisfactory statement was made officially this morning. The last patient has been dismissed entirely cured from the isolation tent and the various quarantine stations have been removed and all regulations raised.

The tents and utensils used by the patients are being taken away and destroyed.

The handling of this threatening malady has been well done and is a tribute to the energy of Medical Health Officer Dr. Hall and his assistants.

## CHEERED NEWS OF DISASTER

**Irish Members of Commons  
Express Joy at Methuen's  
Misfortune.**

**Ories of Shame Silenced Them  
—Reverse Means More  
Troops.**

London, March 10.—Lord Kitchener's despatches announcing the disaster to General Methuen's forces were read in both the House of Lords and House of Commons to-day by Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief, and Mr. Brodrick, the War Secretary, respectively. They both paid tributes to General Methuen, the former expressing his appreciation of Methuen's success throughout the war, declaring that his task of forcing the Boer position at Magersfontein was an almost impossible one.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief, who announced the British disaster in the House of Lords, said General Methuen, for over two years, had carried on his work with zeal, intelligence and great perseverance, adding that the general was beloved of his men, and that no work was too dangerous or difficult for them or General Methuen. The commander-in-chief was sure, the House was deeply grieved at what had occurred. He would ask their Lordships to concur with him in his sympathy for the gallant

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