

Useful
Gifts

Wm. Foreman Co.

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Still Another Don't

Don't give trashy things. Many an attic could tell strange stories about Christmas gifts.—DR. O. S. MORDEN, Editor of Success.

This Small Store Is Filled With The Largest Stock of High Class Dry Goods in This ... Vicinity ...

The recipient will appreciate the gift the more if she knows it came from Foreman's.

Because she'll know that anything purchased at the Foreman Store is of the highest quality and is the most exclusive and advanced style in the market.

SUGGESTIONS

A Silk Waist Length of the New Spring, 1908, Silks. A Dress Pattern. A Pair of Gloves. A Piece of Neckwear. A Dainty Handkerchief, or a Box of Plain or Initial Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. A Comb. A Belt. A Steamer Rug, or Umbrella, or a Piece of Linen.

WM. FOREMAN & CO.

You Have Our
Good Wishes for a

....Merry Christmas.... And a Happy Prosperous New Year

We thank you for the best Holiday trade ever known at this store and hope all our customers are satisfied and our efforts will be to all ways please

GRAY'S CHINA HALL "The Ark" Block

A Merry Christmas

IF we could make our advertisements half as attractive as our Clothing our business would be tripling instead of doubling.

Our Clothing is made according to our own ideas—we don't take whatever the manufacturers see fit to offer us. Not much! They tell us we are "cranks". All right—if we weren't, our patrons would not be able to get the excellent Clothing we sell.

All we want is an opportunity to make good.

Suits \$10, \$12 to \$15
Overcoats \$10 to \$20

We'll deem it a pleasure, to have the privilege of showing you our handsome

Christmas Presents

Geo. Meynell, 3 Doors West from Market, Chatham

A Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy and
Prosperous
1908
To One and All
T. W. POILE

Dr. Neil Smith

...DENTIST...

Office over A. J. McCall & Co's Drug Store
Cor. King and Fifth Sts.
Phone 164.

PILES CURED IN 5 TO 14 DAYS.
Pain Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding, or Protruding Piles in 5 to 14 days, or money refunded, 50 cents.

THE WATER COMS.

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railway company. He had instructed City Engineer Jones to put in switches at the bridge, and had employed an expert electrician to make other connections which it was thought would prevent further trouble of this nature. Since then, however, there have been two more breaks of this kind, and Mr. Sheldon asked Mr. Jones if he could account for this.

Mr. Jones said that these breaks were probably caused through the action of the electricity some time ago, and the pipes were probably just rotting through now. He did not think that the breaks would continue much longer.

Dr. Cornell—I think that the electric road should bear a portion of this expense to which we have been put.

The matter was left in abeyance till a future meeting, when the Water Board will decide on what portion of this expense they think that the railway should pay.

THE SIMINGTON DEED.

A Communication was received from City Solicitors Lewis and Richards, in reference to the recent petition from John H. Simington, of Raleigh, for a release from the deed made out in favor of the old Waterworks Company, through which the city still has a claim on the portion of his lands through which the main at one time ran. The Solicitors stated that in order to give this release, it would be necessary to have the City Council pass a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the release. They enclosed their bill for \$10, and a copy of the proposed by-law.

Mr. Sheldon—This is a matter which is just as well settled as soon as possible. While we hold that deed on Mr. Simington's place we are liable for any damages which might occur to his stock on the premises where the main ran through.

Dr. Cornell—Who pays the solicitor's bill of \$10?

Mr. Sheldon—I suppose we will have to pay it.

Dr. Cornell—Mr. Simington should pay it. I don't see why this expense should be saddled on us. He is the one who is reaping the benefit, and we had to pay him for the privilege of taking up the pipe. We have paid all our obligations.

Mr. Sheldon—I don't know as to whether we can make Mr. Simington pay for it. Anyway, it is a matter for the City Council to deal with.

Dr. Cornell—The whole matter should have been referred to the Council in the first place, and, if the payment of this bill has to come from the Corporation, the Council should foot up the expense.

It was then moved by Dr. Cornell that the Council be requested to pass a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the papers for Mr. Simington's release from the deed.—Carried.

The by-law and account will both be forwarded to the Council.

READING OF REPORTS.

At this juncture the annual report from Superintendent E. B. Jones was read. This report will be found in another portion of today's paper. The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Jones on the thoroughness of his report.

Secretary Weir's annual report and comparative statement were also received and read. They will be found under another heading in today's Planet.

THE METRE SYSTEM.

Mr. Sheldon said that during the past year there had been three of the worst fires the city has ever experienced. The water pressure at all of these fires had been satisfactory, and this was due, he thought, to the metre system which had been enforced by the Commissioners. It prevented very much of the waste of water, which in past years had a great deal to do with lowering the pressure.

Dr. Cornell thought that since the people have come to understand the metre system they like it better than the old system, which was not fair to everyone. He also drew attention to the fact that a number of the factories in the city have not yet installed metres. This matter will probably be dealt with at a meeting next year.

A WORD IN APPRECIATION

Kindly extend my sincere thanks to all who assisted me to win the special prize, the \$10 Gold Piece, in The Planet's Diamond Contest.

MISS VERLYN LAMONT.

LEG BROKEN

Howard Basant, Jeffery street, slipped and fell on the sidewalk, on King street last Saturday night, breaking his left leg at the ankle. The icy sidewalk was the cause of his misfortune which is a very painful one.

POLICE COURT

"There is at least one very honest man in Chatham, and he is Robert Broad," said Chief of Police Holmes yesterday morning. "Mr. Broad picked up a lady's satchel, containing a receipt and a sum of money. The owner has not called for the property yet, but we expect her in shortly."

A man named Illman had a sleigh on Saturday. The loss has been reported to the police.

When Samuel Burt went into the Miles Hotel for dinner, Saturday, he left his plush hat and an overcoat on the table outside. When he came out the coat and his fine plush hat were gone, and in their place he found a fifteen cent cap, possibly the property of the individual who is now sporting the top coat and the plush hat.

REPORTS OF
OFFICIALSSuperintendent E. B. Jones
Presents His Annual
ReportSecretary Weir's Comparative
Statement for
the Year

The following is the annual report of Superintendent E. B. Jones, of the Waterworks, which was presented and read at the special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners last evening:

Chatham, December 19, 1907.
To the Chairman and Water Commissioners of the City of Chatham.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit the following report on the Waterworks for the year ending November 30, 1907.

We have installed during the past year 101 paying house services at a cost of \$782.81. The total extension of mains amounts to 2,189 feet, 6 inches, at a cost of \$658.09. Two fire hydrants were installed, one on Delaware avenue, costing \$44.73, and another at the corner of Wade and William streets, costing \$51.92. Total cost of fire hydrants installed \$96.65.

During the year 1907, up to Nov. 30, 146 metres were installed. The total number of metres in use up to November 30, 1907, was 849. The total number of fire hydrants in use November 30, 1907, was 189. The total length of water mains in use is 135,786 feet, or 25.71 miles.

A new filter has been purchased and is ready for installation, pending the removal of the electric plant to the new station, at a cost of \$2,497.32.

The several pumps are now in good condition. The Raleigh pump has been overhauled, the cylinders repaired, new pistons and piston rod put in, and the pump chamber fitted with valve spindles. New valves for the No. 1, and No. 2 pumps have been put in. These pumps have been thoroughly overhauled, and are now in good working order, with the exception of the piston rods of the pump end, which will have to be renewed in the near future. Cost of repairs to pumps, \$241.56.

The boilers are in first class condition.

Total amount of coal purchased during the year 1,587.25 tons, at a cost of \$5,962.71. Cost of re-loading \$128.81, making a total cost of \$6,091.52. Coal sold to electric light plant and others 384.379 tons for the sum of \$1,496.59. Total amount of coal chargeable to the Waterworks department 1,202.871 tons, at a cost of \$4,594.93. Extra coal used owing to decrease in stock, 97,725 tons, at a cost of \$371.30. Total amount of coal used 1,300.596 tons at a cost of \$4,966.23.

ELECTROLYSIS OF WATER PIPES

During the past year we have had to renew several water services on St. Clair street, owing to the destruction of the services by electrolysis caused by the leakage of the electric current from the tracks of the C. W. & L. E. Ry. To prevent further destruction of the pipes we placed automatic switches at the Third street bridge, and connected the track to the water mains at four different points, viz., Grand avenue, Brock street, and Spencer avenue and King street. It is hoped that by these improvements, electrolysis of the water mains will cease. The total cost of repairs to water services and payments received through electrolysis, was \$138.02.

The total number of gallons of water pumped during the year was 289,249,433 gallons. In addition to the above quantity, we pumped from the river to the basin 299,000,000 gallons. Average amount of water pumped per day 819,578 gallons. Total number of gallons of water pumped per pound of coal used, 234.9 gallons.

Total quantity of alum-sulphate of alumina—used from Nov. 30, 1906, to November 30, 1907, 33,000 lbs., at a cost of \$596.36. Weight of alum used per gallon one-fifth grain.

THE COST OF WATER.

The cost of water per thousand gallons is based upon the cost of operating and maintenance. The combined cost of operating and maintenance was \$12,089.02. Water pumped per year 289,249,433 gallons. Cost of water per 1,000 gallons, four cents and four mills.

The two filters were thoroughly overhauled, cleaned and painted, and filled with new sand and coke. They are now in first class condition. The cost of this work for material and labor was \$455.79.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. JONES,

Superintendent.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is a summary of Secretary James Weir's annual report, presented at the meeting of the Commissioners last night, giving a comparative statement for the years 1906 and 1907:

Water sales in 1906—\$17,248.98; in 1907—\$17,741.27. Increase—\$492.29.

Operating—exclusive of coal in 1906—\$5,767.48; in 1907—\$5,997.17. Increase—\$229.69.

Operating—including coal in 1906—\$4,783.31; in 1907—\$4,593.93. Increase—\$189.38.

Maintenance in 1906—\$1,573.33; in 1907—\$1,447.92. Decrease—\$125.41.

Extension of works, in 1906—\$543.59; in 1907—\$1,109.19. Increase—\$565.60.

Extension of house services in 1906—\$1,460; in 1907—\$747.54. Decrease—\$712.46.

Stock on hand in 1906—\$4641.84; in 1907—\$4,365.60. Decrease—\$276.24.

A Merry Christmas

To One And
All Is The
Wish Of

H. W. Ball & Co.

We Wish all our Customers

A Happy Christmas and aGlad New Year.....

"Call a truce, then, to our labors, let us feast with friends neighbors, and be merry as the custom of our caste."—KIPLING.

"I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth good will to men."—LONGFELLOW.

Geo. Stephens - D. H. Douglas

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS For Every One

We have special values in Mantle Clocks, Gold Headed Umbrellas and Canes. Best value in Cut Glass in the city. Ladies' Gold Brooches, Gold Sleeve Buttons, Solid Gold Stick Pins in the latest designs, Solid Gold Rings most elegant designs—from Diamonds down to Little Baby Rings. Stock is larger than previous years.

Don't Forget The Place

Sign of
Big Clock **A. A. Jordan**

VISIT THE STAR

The five-cent Star Theatre, in the Opera House Block, will be open tomorrow afternoon and evening, with a special program for the day.

THANKS HIS FRIENDS

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23, '07.
To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Permit me to thank, through your widely read paper, all those who gave me assistance by subscribing for your Great Home Journal, thereby enabling me to win the \$10.00 gold coin in your voting contest.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,
Yours respectfully,
TIMOTHY DEROCHE.