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CAMDEN LIBERALS FEEL BLUE

Stephen Parnall Sturgis Turned Down In East Kent

RICHARD L. GOSNELL IS THE CHOICE OF THE CONVENTION

Three Candidates were Running For The
Position and All were Confident ---
Sturgis Disappointed

GOSNELL MAY BE LOAD TO CARRY

Mr. Sturgis Goes Farther And Says that Candidate Looks
Like a "White Elephant" --- More Spicy Talk
From Enthusiastic Delegates

Possibly the most hotly contested fight for the position of standard bearer for the Liberal party ever witnessed in East Kent, took place in Ridgeway yesterday. A convention was called for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the riding in the next Provincial election against Philip H. Bowyer, M. P. P., who now so ably represents that constituency in the Legislature. It was a very good convention. It was attended mostly by delegates, and all parts of the riding were very well represented. There were not many delegates appointed, however, and thus the audience by no means filled the hall—in fact the hall was not half filled. There seemed to be no complaint on that score, however, and all seemed to be satisfied with the representation.

It was recognized from the start that there were at least three men in the field who were willing to go into an election fight against one of the most popular and able representatives that a constituency ever had, and it turned out at the convention that although there were several men named for the honor, the fight dwindled down to the three recognized rivals. These were ex-Warden Stephen Parnall Sturgis, of Dresden; Richard L. Gosnell, of Blenheim, and Walter Ferguson, of Thamesville. It was very interesting to watch how the events transpired.

STURGIS CONFIDENT.
A Planet representative met Mr. Sturgis at the O. P. R. depot in Chatham at nine o'clock yesterday morning. A friendly conversation ensued on the way out to Ridgeway and Mr. Sturgis was asked if he would be the candidate. He turned out to be marvellously correct. No, no, he would not be the candidate, in fact, he would not even be an aspirant for the position. He had too much to do at home, and he did not have the time to devote to it. This was his answer, in spite of the fact that he had just a few days ago made a canvass of almost the entire constituency, asking for support towards securing the nomination. The reporter, knowing this at the time, indulged in a quiet smile. Finally, after Mr. Sturgis had been told how his name had been heralded abroad as the only man who would win, he admitted with characteristic modesty that he was in the race and—well, he was pretty sure that he was going to carry the day at the convention. He didn't want to blow—he never does—but he was feeling very confident—not only of carrying the convention, but of winning the election too. He had his little band of delegates from Dresden along with him, looking after their tickets, both on the train, and at the hotel in Ridgeway. They were all corralled in the smoker, and evidently knew what it was up to them to do, and they were armed to the teeth with arguments why their man should get the nomination. Everything looking rosy, and The Planet representative was almost on the point of asking Stephen Parnall if he had a photograph handy in his pocket, thinking it would be a good move to publish the cut of the man who was going to represent East

Kent in the next Provincial Parliament.

STURGIS IS KNOCKED.
The first jolt came at Blenheim. The Planet saw a number of delegates at this point, while waiting to make connections. He unsuspectingly asked one of them what Stephen's chances were, and the delegate laughed. Moreover, he called over a few of his friends to enjoy the joke. They all laughed. This was funny. One look at the beaming countenance of Stephen Parnall, however, and The Planet was reassured. There couldn't be any mistake. Those Blenheim fellows must be all wrong.

THE WIRE HUM.
Upon the arrival at Ridgeway the fun commenced. All three candidates immediately mingled with the delegates, and by the time the convention started, their best work had been done, and the race was on to a bitter finish. Ferguson was supported by a strong following from Oxford and Thamesville, Sturgis had the north and Gosnell the south. It was not hard to see that there was considerable dissatisfaction in the ranks. The party seemed to be split up in factions, all working against each other, and although the nomination was not unanimous, it was not doubtful from the talk on the street after the meeting, if the factions are really welded together. In fact the talk was very much the opposite.

THE NOMINATIONS.
It was long after one o'clock, the appointed hour, before the convention opened. When President Ferguson called the meeting to order, it was an anxious lot of men who faced him. It is only fair to say that there was no caucus. The man chosen was not chosen by any executive of men, but he was the choice of the whole party in convention. If there was any mistake, it cannot be placed at the doors of any appointed body of men. The party as a whole are to blame. There were no preliminaries. The President, after calling the meeting to order, asked at once for nominations, and they resulted as follows:

STEPHEN PARNALL STURGIS—Nominated by Mr. Forshee, seconded by Capt. Ribble.

RICHARD L. GOSNELL—Nominated by Mr. Young, seconded by John Cochrane.

ANGUS GILLANDERS—Nominated by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Dr. McPhail.

WALTER R. FERGUSON—Nominated by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Blake Mills.

DR. WILEY—Nominated by Angus Gillanders, seconded by Mr. McGuire.

E. E. PARROTT—Nominated by W. Saddington, seconded by Mr. Smith.

DR. MCPHAIL—Nominated by J. C. Black, seconded by James Webster.

JOHN COCHRANE—Nominated by A. McDermid, seconded by George Fisher.

CAPT. RIBBLE—Nominated by W. Barrie, seconded by R. Burns.

DAVID CAUGHILL—Nominated by J. K. Laird, seconded by Peter Haggert.

L. J. REYCRAFT—Nominated by

Rev. Mr. Long, seconded by W. McDonald.

When the above names had been submitted, the President declared the nominations closed, and proceeded to distribute the ballots.

Someone in the audience suggested that all the candidates be heard, and this seemed to be the feeling of the meeting. The President, who throughout conducted a fair convention, gave way and called upon the nominees to take seats on the platform. He then called upon them in reversed order, and short five minute addresses were given.

REYCRAFT DROP OUT.

Mr. Reycraft was first. He was not a candidate. He would be proud to be the representative for East Kent, but circumstances would not permit. He hoped they would make a wise selection.

CAUGHILL ALSO.

David Caughill had not even heard his name. He reminded the convention of the time at Blenheim when all the candidates resigned, leaving Mr. Howatt and himself in the field, and he had said at that time that he would stand if no one else would. He understood that there were men at this convention who would stand and so he would not. He would give way to them. He hoped that the people of East Kent would elect the man chosen by the convention.

SPEAKS FOR STURGIS.

Capt. Ribble said that two years ago he had attended a convention in this same hall, and he had gone home dissatisfied with the choice this time. He would not stand for the nomination himself, because there were men at the meeting who wanted it. He was there to help one of them to get there, and he was going to do all in his power to get his man in at the convention. He thought there was more purity in politics years ago than there is now. He thought the Liberal party was entirely to blame for the reverse in East Kent at the last election. There was one gentleman at the convention, a neighbor of his—Mr. Sturgis—who could redeem the riding. He is a fighter from away back, and if he starts out to win, he will win. He'll be the next man to go to Toronto.—Cheers.

SOME GOOD ADVICE.

John Cochrane was glad to have the opportunity to thank the people who supported him in the last election. There were lots of Reformers who did not vote for him. He knew lots of them. He hoped it would be different this time. There should be no jealousies. There has been too much sectionalism. He hoped they would settle on the candidate who would get the most votes. He would not be that candidate.

Dr. McPhail was surprised at the result of the last election. He would not be the candidate, but he was sure that after the next two years were up, that Mr. Graham would be the Premier of the Province. It was an idea of his own. He thought Whitney went back on the School Bill, also on the License Bill. He hoped the people would sink all petty differences. He would not be a candidate, but would withdraw.

EXIT MR. PARROTT.

E. E. Parrott was on deck again. He would not be a candidate for the position this time, however.

Dr. Wiley was quite willing to fight in the ranks with the rest of the boys.

BRIGHT YOUNG MAN.

Walter Ferguson announced that he would be a candidate for the nomination. If he were not selected, he would be willing to fight just the same. He had been asked to allow his name to stand, and he was going to do so, come what may.

It appeared from the talk around the town yesterday, that Mr. Ferguson's chief claim to the position was that he was a nephew of the late Robert Ferguson, who represented the riding so well for such a great number of years. He is also a young man, and there was a strong feeling that young blood should be introduced. He is a good appearing young man, and creates the impression that

he is honest. He made a straightforward appeal to the convention, and was loudly applauded. There is no doubt that if he had received the nomination, he would have acquitted himself with credit. He had a strong following, who did their best to press his claims, but they were over-ruled. There are still many among the staunchest Liberal workers who think that he should have received the nomination.

Angus Gillanders was glad the time for speaking was limited. He thought that the people had come together for a serious purpose. It was up to the party to redeem the riding. He withdrew.

PERSONAL AMBITION.

R. L. Gosnell was given a fairly good reception. He had been solicited by a great many friends to run. That was not the only reason that he was going to stand. He had a personal ambition, but chiefly to rid the riding of East Kent in the Legislature, and this was one of the important reasons why he was going to allow his name to stand. He believed he would be elected if he got the nomination. He had fought in every election, and he did so because he wanted to, and believed in the ultimate triumph of the Liberal party. He would use fair means. He would want united action. He would fight to the limit himself, but he would lean heavily on the party for support. Whoever was appointed, he would be found in the ranks when the next election rolls around.

MAY BE A LOAD.

From his speech, it appeared that Mr. Gosnell wanted the nomination, not only as a reward for his services, but as a personal ambition. Moreover, he seemed to think that the party should help him to gratify this whim on his part, as he said that he would lean heavily upon them for support. The feeling on several sides was that he would lean so heavily that he would be a load to carry.

THE PLOT THICKENS.

Stephen Parnall Sturgis, in measured tones, impressive and solemn, said that he was glad at the turn things had taken. Some wondered what he meant, but he explained that he was glad that there was no caucus, and that the candidate would be elected by the convention proper. For thirty or thirty-five years he had been attending conventions, and each time the work of the convention had been done before the meeting opened. For eight or ten years he had been pressed to allow his name to stand in convention, but this was the first year that he had decided to do so. He also had a personal ambition to represent the riding. His municipal experience had acquainted him with all the haws which the Legislature enacts.

"If I should receive the nomination," he said, "I will be your representative, and if I am not you will never be bothered with me again. If I get it, I will try to see you as often as I can before the polling day."

THE FIRST JOLT.

Mr. Black, from the audience, wanted to hear from Mr. Sturgis what he would do if he did not receive the nomination. Would he work for the man who was chosen? All of the other candidates had said that they would, but Mr. Sturgis had omitted that part. Mr. Sturgis said that he would work for the man who was chosen, "but, of course," he candidly admitted, "I would not work for him as hard as I would for myself," and the people believed him.

Mr. Sturgis spoke with much confidence, making several pauses for effect. He had seen the most of the delegates, and he was certainly given the applause of the day when he was announced for his speech.

At this point, Col. Atkinson, M. P. P., of Simcoe, was asked to take a seat on the platform, and he did so amidst great applause.

CRISIS APPROACHES.

The ballots were then distributed and the following was the result of the first polling:

Gosnell—92.
Sturgis—33.
Ferguson—33.

The president announced that there would have to be another poll, with Mr. Ferguson dropping out.

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

At this point, Stephen Parnall's face was a study. It was very red

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SECRET OF GOOD ROADS.

A United States visitor to England paid special attention to the roads in the Motherland—as, indeed, most visitors do—and makes the following observations upon them:

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are better than any I have ever seen in America."

Incessant mending is the secret of the goodness of the English roads. They are well made in the first place, but they are never allowed to get into a bad state of repair. They are kept constantly in good shape. Ontario towns should bear this in mind.

On November 24th, 1906, John Hopper, Dresden P. O., said: "For 15 years I could not lie down to sleep, but lay propped up on pillows, my inflammatory rheumatism was so bad. My legs and feet were so swollen I could hardly see my toes. For months at a time I could only move around by crawling like a baby, and all this time I was under doctors' care. Four years ago I got a bottle of Veteran's Sure Cure; the second bottle cured me completely. I have now come 18 miles to get a bottle, as we would not be without it in the house." W. K. Merrifield, Seaside, Block.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.

At the Brisco Opera House—Moving Pictures—All week. La Belle Russe—Feb 26.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC CRITIC.

A prominent critic says: "If there is an actress capable of showing one side of woman's capricious nature, Miss Florence Huntington is undoubtedly most admirably. At times, sad, joyful, coquettish, whimsical, alarmed, flighty, bustling, etc., up and down the whole gamut of human

emotion, she made the most of her part in David Belasco's startling romance, 'La Belle Russe.' Miss Huntington is said to have lots to do, from her inception in the first act as the supposedly long-sought and deserted wife of Sir Philip Calthrop and mistress of the most beautiful man in all England, until her denouement in the final act by her real lover, who confronts her with her twin sister, whom she has supposed long dead and under the mark of whom she has wormed herself into the affections as the wife of the latter's husband, her pleasing personality and extreme versatility is ever present. Miss Florence Huntington's youth and beauty is a great factor in her professional success, yet this does not cast reflection upon the other speaking parts of the play.

La Belle Russe plays Chatham tonight. Ask for Minard's and take no other

The Sovereign Bank of Canada.

Money Orders, Sterling Exchange, Letters of Credit, Collections, Savings Department, General Banking Business.

Interest paid 4 times a year on Savings Deposits.

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Yards**
(Magnolia Hotel, near G. T. R. sta-
tion), Chatham, Ont.

"The Proof of The Pudding"

is in the eating thereof." The proof of a good shoe is in its wearing qualities and the comfort it gives the wearer. A shoe that gives ease to the foot, and at the same time retains its original style and shape is a joy forever. These are the identical qualities which have made Cowan's Shoe Store famous. Our reputation for high-class, up-to-date goods was not made in a day, but by years of close contact with the shoe-buying public, and our long experience in buying from the manufacturers.

Shoe
Price
Slaughter



Your
Chance
To Save

RUBBER BOOTS—All Kinds, All Sizes

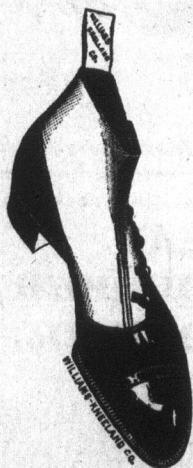
COWAN'S GOING-OUT-OF-BUSINESS SALE

We have not the time or space to sermonize on the why or whereof of this **Monster, Money-Saving, Going-Out-of-Business-Sale**. Suffice it to say that Mr. Geo. W. Cowan has business interests which will take him out of Chatham shortly. He cannot leave his stock behind, and therein lies the cause of this ruthless slaughter of prices. **The Stock must be sold—and sold quickly.** Take opportunity by the forelock, and be with the crowd who will reap a bountiful harvest of big bargains at Cowan's during the coming weeks. If you need a pair of Shoes here's your chance to get the very best in town at the Going-Out-of-Business prices. Buy an extra pair anyway. The quality you get at low prices will make your heart rejoice. Here are some of the exceptional opportunities which are awaiting you at Cowan's Store.

Shoe Price Slaughter

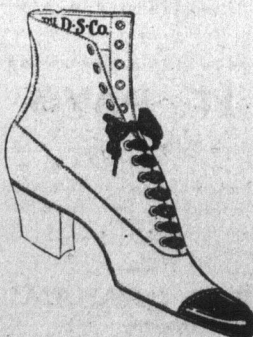
Your Chance to Save

650 pairs of Men's \$5 high grade, American made fine shoes, the very best lines we've ever carried are in this lot. In Button, Lace, or Blucher, all widths and sizes, Sale price, **\$3.75**



48 pairs of Men's \$3, \$4 and \$5 Shoes, splendid shoes, these are ends of lines, mostly in sizes 5½, 6, 7, 9 and 10, choice of any of this bunch for **\$1.98**

180 pairs Women's \$2 Dongola laced boots, medium heavy soles, Patent toecaps, solid leather inner soles, a good looking, up-to-date shoe, Sale price **\$1.35**



65 pairs of Girls' Lace and Button Boots, this is a lot in which there are a number of kinds, but all splendid goods ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50, in sizes from 11 to 2, Sale price **95c**

Everything in the store reduced—even the small things. Good Bottle of Polish, the 10c kind, sale price, **5c.**

GEO. W. COWAN

WILL INSTALL STRIKING CLOCK

Alderman Kerr Says Local Mail Service Is "Disgraceful"

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

A striking clock which will herald the hours of the day to the citizens of Chatham will be installed in the tower of the new market front. This was decided upon by the members of the City Council at their meeting last night, on the recommendation of Ald. Porter, chairman of the Property committee. The cost of the striking apparatus will be \$200 with \$311 additional for installation. The plans for the new arrangement were prepared by Architects J. L. Wilson & Son.

Aldermen Kerr, Westman and Stevens were opposed to the installation of a striking apparatus, and Aldermen Kerr and Westman moved that the matter be laid over till a later meeting.

This amendment was lost, the balance of the Council voting for the motion to install a striking clock.

AFTER THE MAIL SERVICE.

Ald. Kerr wants an investigation into the local mail service. At last night's meeting he characterized the local mail service as a disgrace, and said that it was a source of great annoyance and loss of time to Chatham business men that they could not get their eastern mail in the morning at an earlier hour. The train service, he said, should be efficient. He thought that the Council ought to take the matter up and make representations regarding it to the Postmaster General.

The Mayor asked Ald. Kerr to bring in a report on the matter at the next meeting of the Council. Mayor Stone also asked that the Railway committee press upon the C. P. R. authorities to have some protection provided for the travelling public at the crossings at Centre and Wellington streets which have lately become such death-traps.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Tenders for supplies and street sprinkling were opened by the Mayor. It might be mentioned that some of the itemized lists were not read owing to their great length. These are so designated in the following list: Geo. Stephens & Co., supplies (not read).

Jackson and Aiken, street sweeping, \$2,410; sprinkling, 3c per foot for King street, 2c for all other streets.

Park Bros., castings 3 1-2c per lb., circles 28c per lb.

McKeough & Trotter, castings 3 1-2c per lb., circles 28c per lb.

John Yarmere, street sweeping, \$1,900, sprinkling 2 1-2c for King and 2c for all other streets.

Wm. Chrysler, street sweeping, \$761, sprinkling 2 1-2c for King and 1 7-8c for all other streets.

John Piggott & Sons, lumber, (not read).

J. H. Oldershaw, sewer pipe, sand and cement (not read).

Geo. Kennedy, street sweeping, \$2,100, sprinkling 3c for King and 2c for all other streets.

John Burrows, sprinkling for King street 2 3-4c, 2c for all other streets.

Gibson & Company, street sweeping \$2,803, sprinkling 2 3-4c for King and 1 3-4c for all other streets.

Dan. Jordan, brick, \$5.40 per M. J. & J. Oldershaw, supplies (not read).

Bligh & Fielder, cement sidewalks, 10 3-4c per foot, and 15 1-2c per foot for crossings.

Thomas Martin, granolithic walks, 11c per foot.

These tenders were referred to the Board of Works and Property committees, as they apply.

TINNER WANTED—Must be good on assortment and furnace work. Apply to E. S. Hubbell, Thamesville.

BRISCO OPERA HOUSE

Vaudeville Program for the Week

MOVING PICTURES Edison Camograph

ILLUSTRATED SONGS Florence Schwemler

THE COMEDY QUARTETTE In Sketches, Dancing, Songs and Whistling.

WM. CHRYSLER Black Face Comedian

WALTER DOLMAN Pianist.

AL WOODS Announcer.

Matinee every day 4 p. m.—5c. Admission only 10c at night.

Brisco Opera House

Tuesday, Feb. 26

DAVID BELASCO'S Phenomenal Success

LA BELLE RUSSE

—with— Miss Florence Huntington

—and— Mr. Maurice Franklin

—and— A Strong Supporting Company

PRICES—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Box seats \$1.00.

Minard's Liniment cures Dandruff

GRANT NEW FRANCHISE

Natural Gas Question Takes Another Queer Turn

THE OLD WOMAN EPISODE

The Maple City Oil and Gas Company put in a written application to the City Council last night to supply the city with natural gas.

Ald. Austin brought the matter up under the head of new business, and he moved that the application be considered by the Council, and that it be referred to the Finance committee to comply with the regulations. Ald. Austin's motion was seconded by Ald. Kerr, and when put to a vote was carried unanimously.

In their tender the Maple City Company say that they will agree to purify the gas before it is supplied to the consumers. They do not ask for an exclusive franchise.

Ald. Austin thought that it would be a good idea to have as much competition as possible. He said that the Industrial committee were at present in communication with a firm who wished to locate here who would consume as much natural gas as the rest of the city put together.

A number of the aldermen were of the opinion that the consideration of the Maple City Company's franchise would be as well laid over another meeting, as the acceptance of their tender was hardly fair to the company which is at present awaiting a chance to furnish the city with natural gas, but when to the surprise of all Ald. Kerr arose and seconded Ald. Austin's motion, it seemed to turn the tide, and all voted in favor of considering the Maple City Company's franchise.

Ald. Austin and Ald. Kerr had quite a lively tilt again last night when the natural gas question was up. Ald. Kerr called Ald. Austin up yesterday it seems, and wanted to know the result of Prof. Shuttleworth's test. Ald. Austin refused to give it to him, whereupon Ald. Kerr told Ald. Austin he was acting like an old woman.

During the discussion last night, Ald. Austin objected to Ald. Kerr calling him an old woman. He said Ald. Kerr's inquisitiveness might make the term quite appropriate to himself.

Ald. Kerr said he came up to the meeting prepared to make an apology to the old woman for what he had said.

The usual wrangle on purification then ensued. Ald. Austin claimed Analyst McGill had stated that natural gas could be purified at cost of one cent per thousand feet. Ald. Kerr replied that this was only Mr. McGill's theory on a patent of his own which he was trying to sell to the companies. It had not yet been put in practical use.

EVELYN EXPLAINS

Money and Cablegram Incidents Put Her Husband in Better Light—Thaw Said Cash Was Poison.

New York, Feb. 26.—Except for one brief moment, Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had a decidedly easy day of it yesterday during the continuation of her cross-examination by District Attorney Jerome. When adjournment was taken the prosecutor announced that he had practically concluded with the witness.

Mrs. Thaw was in much better spirits when she took the witness stand yesterday and looked decidedly better physically than she did last week.

Should Be Considered. Instead of further hurting the cause of her husband, Mrs. Thaw managed to make two decided gains. When court adjourned last Thursday it appeared from her own statements that she used a letter of credit from Stanford White while traveling in Europe and turned the latter over to Thaw. Yesterday she explained that Thaw took the letter of credit from her, saying the money was "poison," that neither she nor her mother must touch it, and that he would provide them with funds. Whatever of the money was spent, she declared, was for her mother.

Thaw's Cablegrams to White. The second point Mrs. Thaw made was concerning the cablegrams Thaw is said to have sent to Stanford White from London. It appeared Thursday that these cablegrams were requests to White to use his influence to keep Mrs. Nesbit from "raising a row" and interfering with her daughter in her continuing in company with Thaw.

Mr. Jerome took up the subject again yesterday, but his questions elicited the information that the letters did not concern Mrs. Thaw at all, but related to a man—a secretary of the American embassy—in London, who Mrs. Thaw said "sneaked up to mamma's bedroom and insulted her." She said the man also insulted her, and that Thaw went in search of him, but failed to find him.

changed. Our garments are built by the cleverest craftsmen that ever threaded a needle or handled a tailor's goose, and they bear the marks of

LOCAL

J. L. Heatherington, of Newbury, visited friends in the city yesterday. Wm. Bligh, of the firm of Bligh & Fielder, was in Ridgetown yesterday on a business trip.

THE RINK

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

GOOD ICE

The Price a quarter

C. AUSTIN & CO.

THE NEW—SILKS—

..SPRING SILKS..

ARE ALL HERE

Immense Variety

...SPECIAL NOVELTIES...

—AT—

50c, 75c & \$1

It Pays to Buy Our

"WOVEN FOR US"

Black Taffeta

At 75c.

Every lady will be delighted with the quality of

Priestleys

Silk Warp Henriettas,

Elanne, Estrella,

or Cingalon.

Dainty and Attractive.

Our Baby

Carriages

and

Go-Carts

Are unexcelled. We are showing the largest range of these goods ever shown in Chatham. Already quite a few have been sold. By buying early you will find a large stock to select from. The prices are marked specially low to move them quickly. By paying a small deposit we will lay aside any Baby Carriage or Go-Cart and deliver when you wish.

BABY CARRIAGE—the body made of good quality German reed, closely woven, with full roll reed around top. The gear is made of good quality steel, enamelled green, has ½ inch rubber tire wheels and is fitted with the Whitney brake, price only \$12.00.

GO CARTS—reed body, with adjustable dash and back, loose cushions, lace or satin parasols, new English strap gear, four auto wheels with ½ inch rubber tires, price \$19.50.

PULLMAN SLEEPER \$25.00

PULLMAN SLEEPER, painted a rich dark green, this is a combination of the Carriage and Go-Cart, upholstered in leatherette, English strap gear with 5/8 inch tired wheels, price \$25.00.

TICKETS

GOOD DRESSERS

Good dressers have acquired the habit of looking to this store for their clothes. It's a good habit, too. Many of our best customers we have won away from the exclusive merchant tailor and his high prices, and, if you, Sir, will try our good clothing you will understand why they

changed. Our garments are built by the cleverest craftsmen that ever threaded a needle or handled a tailor's goose, and they bear the marks of

Exclusiveness and Individuality

These are the characteristics of the noted

PROGRESS BRAND CLOTHING

of which we have the sole control for Chatham.

C. Austin & Co.

Kent County's Largest Retailers

TO-NIGHT

Moving Pictures, at the Brisco Opera House, at 8.15.
Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., No. 29, will meet in the Temple at 8.
Young Men's Club will meet in the S. S. Hall of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church at 8.

LOCAL

Judge out Pickles for yourself. Try a bottle—you will find them extra nice, and cheap.

MIXED PICKLES,
15c a bottle.
MUSTARD PICKLES,
15c a bottle.
CHERKIN PICKLES,
15c a bottle.
SMALL ONIONS,
15c a bottle.
MARMALADE,
15c a jar.
SCOTCH MARMALADE,
20c and 35c.
COMB HONEY,
15c and 18c.

Our Mocha and Java Coffee will make your breakfast just right—40c a pound.

H. Malcolmson

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE

In another column will be found a report of the annual meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company, held in Toronto on 28th ult. The statement presented by Managing Director Goldman showed that a reduction of five per cent. in the ratio of expenses on premium income had been made during the past year. This effected a saving in expenses of nearly \$50,000, as compared with the previous year, and although the new business transacted was not as great as the previous year, yet this reduction in expenses has a compensating effect upon the income of the company. Cash income from premiums, interest, etc., shows an increase of nearly \$87,000. The assets increased nearly \$84,000, and now amount to \$7,800,000. Further, a large addition was made to the net surplus, which now amounts to \$650,000, and, as the statement says, "the year's work, from a financial standpoint, is the best in the company's history." Policy holders will be reassured by the statement that the assets of the company are invested in the best class of security, and that a detailed list of these securities will be put in the annual report, which will be distributed among the policyholders. Full stress is put upon the fact that full reports are sent to the Government, and that every month there is an audit of the books of the company. Regret is expressed at the resignation of First Vice-President Hon. Sir William R. Meredith, K. C. Altogether, the report reflects much credit upon President Blake and Managing Director Goldman and their assistants, and through every line is evidenced the determination to see that the business of this company is increased on thoroughly conservative lines. Smith & Smith, are the local representatives.

LOGS WANTED

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of logs delivered at our factory. Custom sawing promptly done at \$4.00.
THE CHATHAM BENT GOODS CO., Limited.

BUY a BROOM NOW...

We sold a pile of Brooms on Saturday. The people appreciated the good values we offered and snapped up a large part of what we had. We have still a good assortment and we want to supply you now while the small prices are on.
Remember, Spring House-cleaning will soon be on and you will need some brooms then. This makes you a chance for a saving.
Every broom is first-class value at the regular price, but just now very cheap they become at the cut prices.

Regular 35c for 25c
" 30c " 22c
" 25c " 17c
And 6 doz. "Leader"
25c Brooms at 15c each....

J. C. Wanless,
THE UP-TO-DATE
HARDWARE MAN

R. G. Coatsworth, of Romney, is a city visitor to-day.
Mrs. J. Prudhomme, Sr., Low street, is quite seriously ill.
F. H. Brisco has returned from a business trip to Guelph.
A. S. Taylor, tea merchant, of London, is in town this week.
J. Wellwood, of Merlin, was in the city on business yesterday.
A. I. McCall & Co., Limited, have a good furnace for sale cheap.
More girls wanted at woolen mills. Smart ones can earn good wages by applying at once.
W. A. Hadley returned yesterday morning from a business trip to eastern points.

Qual on Toast is the best 5 cent cigar in the market—made by O'Brien Bros.
E. W. Sheldrick, of Walkerville, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheldrick, West street.
Lord Lake is the best 10c. Cigar in the market—made by O'Brien Bros.

Yesterday Mrs. Derouche, of Belle River, visited her daughter, who resides on Harvey street.
The best washing machines and wringers on the market, all at dissolution sale prices, Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, Phone 6.
Mrs. Fred. Chant and Mrs. Emma Fenner, of Laingsburg, are visiting at the home of Mrs. John Chant, on Emma street.

The bargain tables at our dissolution sale are very attractive; many useful household articles going at half price. Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, Phone 6.
A meeting of the Fish and Game Association will be held to-morrow, Wednesday evening, at 7.30, in the Chief of Police's office.
Mr. Albert March has returned home to Vancouver, B. C., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walters, and his mother, Mrs. March, of Dresden.
A. L. Savage is importing a barred Plymouth Rock cockerel from Crestline, Ohio. The bird is expected to arrive some time next week, and is costing Mr. Savage a fancy price.
The designs turned out by the Victoria Avenue Green Houses are getting up in the most artistic manner. Nothing but the best and freshest flowers used.

P. Ridley, of London, arrived in the city on Saturday evening and will spend a few days with friends before leaving to assume his new position in St. Paul, Minn.
The Ladies Aid Society of Park street church will hold their sale of home-made cooking in Mr. McKeough's store, instead of Crump's, as advertised, on Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd.
Miss Edna Young, of Northwood, entertained a large number of her young friends Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Lucy Arnold, with games, music and dancing. The party broke up at an early hour in the morning, having spent a very pleasant time.

Auction Sale Household Furniture.—E. E. Parrott & Son, Auctioneers, of this city, have been authorized to sell Mrs. A. Duddy's household furniture, on the north side of Murray St., three doors east of Adelaide St., on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at one o'clock, sharp. Mrs. A. Duddy, Proprietress. E. E. Parrott & Son, Auctioneers.

The Junior Guild of Christ Church held a largely attended meeting in the Sunday school hall last evening. The topic of the evening was Longfellow, His Life and Works. Miss Lolla Barassin read an able paper on the poet's works, while an excellent speaker on his works was read by Mr. Kidd. Selections from the poet's works were read by Miss Wright, Miss Whitmarsh, Miss Eberts and Miss Barassin. During the evening a vocal solo was beautifully rendered by Miss Bell Riddell.

ANOTHER ANANIAS

The following is copied from a recent issue of the Railway News:
A furniture traveller not far from Chesley, wrote his firm a few days ago that, owing to the large number of small-pox cases in Chatham, he would not call there. The firm, doing a big business in Chatham, wrote their customers there that they deeply sympathized with them in their affliction. The Chatham merchants replied to the furniture concern, assuring them that there were no cases of small-pox in the town to speak of, and only one case of itch. The furniture concern, their salesman, and the merchants of Chatham will likely meet shortly in a confab on the subject.

A BUSINESS MAN'S TRAIN.

Speed, combined with safety and comfort, are the best points of the Canadian Pacific train service. Our train which leaves Chatham at 7.00 a. m. every day except Sunday, has all of the above points. It makes a fast five hour run, is always on time, and the accommodation is of the best. It brings you to Toronto in time for lunch and you can come back at 4.15 p. m. or 7.55 p. m., both fast trains. Call at city office for full particulars, or 'phone 110.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
Pazo Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days, or money refunded. 50 cents.

TO BREAK UP A COLD IN 24 HOURS AND CURE ANY COUGH THAT IS CURABLE

Mix one-half ounce of the Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) with two ounces of Glycerine and half a pint of good Whisky. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses every four hours.

A famous throat and lung specialist, who established a camp for consumptives in the pine woods of Maine, and whose wonderful cures there have attracted the attention of the civilized world, declares that the above formula will strengthen weak lungs, relieve the cough, heal the bronchial tubes and cure any case of lung trouble that is not too far advanced, providing the patient will assist by taking plenty of outdoor exercise, inhaling long deep breaths every few minutes.

It is said the mixture will break up an ordinary cold in twenty-four hours, and being free from opiates and drugs, is far preferable for use among children to the ordinary cough mixtures.

The ingredients can be secured from any good prescription druggist at small cost and easily prepared in your own home.

Inquiry of the prescription department of one of our leading druggists elicit the information that Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) is put up only in half-ounce vials, securely sealed in a round wooden case, with engraved wrapper, showing the name—Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Ontario—plainly printed thereon. There are many rank imitations of Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), which are being put out under similar names and style of packaging. Never accept these as a substitute for the Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), as they will invariably produce nausea, and never effect the desired result.

A local physician who is familiar with this treatment says it is undoubtedly the most effective known to medical science at the present time, and, save for the open air life in the forest, would prove just as effective if used in the home. He says the formula given above is the one used in the pine woods, and that it has the unqualified endorsement of the leading physicians of the country.

The physician added, if this formula was known and used generally by people, throat, lung and bronchial affections would rarely reach an acute stage.

The Virgin Oil of Pine is also a perfect neutralizing agent for uric acid. A few drops taken on sugar night and morning will heal and regulate the kidneys and relieve the most obstinate case of rheumatism, if caused by uric acid in the system.

LADIES OF THE HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting Of The Assisting Society of Public General Hospital

ENCOURAGING REPORT

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Assisting Society of the Public General Hospital was held in the Auditorium of the Library on Monday afternoon.

The ladies who attended were, Mesdames Bennett, G. Merritt, R. Fleming, W. Rennie, E. B. Jones, E. R. Smith, Koutledge, Rispin, McLean, Pilkey, Ball, Bogart, Phillips, H. Smith, Oldershaw, Sheldon, Weir, Phillimore, Campbell, W. J. Taylor, Gardiner, N. H. Stevens, Bogart, Drader, Austin, Greening, Innis, McGregor, W. G. Merritt, and Mrs. J. Pritchard.

The ladies were all quite enthusiastic over the work of the year, and they were anxious and determined to carry out the enterprise of building a maternity ward in connection with the hospital. The report of the Treasurer was read and she delivered an excellent address. The following is the report:

Receipts.
Balance from last year, \$1,356.35.
Members' fees, \$10.50.
Collection from monthly meetings, \$20.52.
Donation from Elks' Club, \$10.00.
Fair of Nations, \$5,155.36.
The Austin Store Sale, \$247.70.
Interest on Bank Deposits, \$106.98.
Total—\$6,909.41.

Expenditures.
Furnishings for Hospital and Nurses' Home, \$17.60.
Nurses' gold pins, \$9.00.
Flowers, \$15.00.
Fair of Nations, \$932.11.
Advertising, \$19.90.
The Austin Store Sale, \$19.74.
Balance on hand, Feb. 25th, 1907, \$5,910.37.
Total—\$6,909.41.

ALICE W. McKEOUGH, Treasurer.

To the Ladies' Assisting Society, I hereby certify I have checked over the vouchers and added the receipts and expenditures, and find same correct, showing balance of hand of \$5,910.37.
W. M. FLEMING, Auditor.

After this report had been read it was moved by Mrs. Gardiner, and seconded by Mrs. Taylor, that it be adopted. This motion was carried unanimously.

The election of officers for the coming year was then taken up. The following were the ladies elected to act:
President—Mrs. M. Campbell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Taylor.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Dunlop.
Secretary—Mrs. Pritchard.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. M. Glenn.
Treasurer—Miss McKeough.
Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Austin.

The officers, with the exception of the President, are all the same as last year.

The President of last year would not accept the position for another term and Mrs. Campbell was chosen to take her place. Before retiring she delivered the following address:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Another year has passed and we are assembled in our annual meeting to consider the work accomplished and to plan what can be further accomplished in the year to come. First, permit me to thank you for the confidence reposed in me by your electing me to the position of President for two successive years. In resigning office I cannot help saying that I feel I may not have been as successful in filling the position as many of you and that more might have been accomplished in filling the position as many of you and that more

might have been done for the grand object in which we are engaged, and at the same time, I wish to thank you one and all for the very generous support afforded me in the work. We initiated and carried to a successful termination the Fair of Nations, which netted to our Society the sum of \$4,223.25, which, with sums donated and earned from other sources, leaves us with about six thousand dollars, a very nice nucleus for the building of an addition to our Hospital to be used for a maternity ward, which will make the appointments of that institution more what they should be and assist very materially in making it self supporting, a consummation much to be desired, and I am happy to say the plans for this addition have been accepted and the work of building will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. The work in which we are engaged is a noble one, being the providing of a comfortable home where sick and suffering humanity may receive attention and assistance that will restore their physical health and should appeal to all of us.

While at times we have to make sacrifices we should feel that the good accomplished amply repays our labors. I am sure that the society under my successor will expand and grow and continue to progress and at the termination of all other year will show even better results.

Mrs. J. C. Pritchard, who had been Secretary of the society for the past five years, had also sent in her resignation, but the ladies absolutely refused to accept it, and she was unanimously elected to occupy the position for another year.

The Building committee was then appointed. This committee is composed of all the officers of the society assisted by Miss McKeough, who is to act as the leader. Mrs. Innes was also appointed to choose the ladies who are to compose the Visiting committee.

Following is the Secretary's report for 1906 and 1907, ending Feb. 25th, 1907, Ladies Assisting Society Public General Hospital:
The fourteenth year during which the Ladies Assisting Society has exercised its activity in behalf of the Chatham Public Hospital has come to a most successful close. If the ratio of success attending the efforts of the ladies increase during the next year proportionately to that attained during the last year, the success of the ladies ventures both old and new is established.

The year just closed was, without a doubt, the most successful in the history of the society. It was characterized by the most ambitious project yet undertaken by this society, "The Fair of Nations." Of lesser importance but tending to swell both the reputation and the receipts of the society was the annual sale in the Austin store.

The Fair of Nations, its object and results, are almost too well known to necessitate dwelling on them. Suffice it to say it was the most wonderful of its kind ever undertaken in the Maritime City, and the measures of success met with by the ladies was only commensurate with the time, trouble and expense incurred and the responsibility undertaken. The gratifying results were achieved only by the society working unselfishly and as a whole for the general good. To conveners, however, each of the nations upon whom fell the brunt of the work is most justly due the greatest share of praise. Their skill and energy in the organization of their respective booths and the ingenuity invariably displayed by all of them in the matter of putting up the most palatable and with their tireless efforts during the continuation of the Fair made success possible. The Fair lasted five days and netted the society \$4,223.50. It is noticable in this connection, that the Ladies Assisting Society have demonstrated such an idea to be possible of successful execution. Societies for like purposes have taken up the idea with success.

The object in view, and for which funds are being obtained, was a most laudable one, namely, the erection of a maternity ward in connection with the hospital. The plans for this have but lately been approved, and the society is going on with this undertaking assumed a debt of about \$4,000, without, however, having any

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hesitation of being able to liquidate it, having in view the most successful history of the past. The society has on hand \$5,910.37 with which to commence the undertaking. Amount raised during the year \$5,553.08. The routine work of the society has been managed by ten regular meetings with an average attendance of thirty members. The membership has gradually increased as the nature and the merit of the work is brought home to the public.

The only regrettable incident connected with the presentation of this report is the fact that the President, under whose control the past year has been brought to such a successful culmination, is about to retire. To her ceaseless vigor and powers of administration, the society is largely indebted for its banner year.

Your Secretary feels constrained to yield that office to another of your choice. In doing so she is actuated only by motives, having in view the society's welfare. She has felt at all times that she had the hearty support of all the executives and members. It is with pardonable pride that we can look upon the position attained by the society during that period.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH PRITCHARD, Secretary Ladies Assisting Society of Public General Hospital.

Mrs. M. Campbell, the newly elected President, then took the chair and delivered an excellent address, asking the ladies present if they could suggest any way in which money could be obtained to further the cause they were working for. The Fair of all Nations had been a grand success owing to the untiring zeal with which the ladies had worked, and the President knew that they were just as

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willing to help in any other undertaking as they had been in this. She accordingly suggested that a lady be appointed for each month to have an entertainment, social, or what ever she wished in order to raise money for the building and maintaining of the maternity ward.

This idea met with the approval of those present, and the following were chosen for the different months:

The President, Secretary and Treasurer for the month of March, Mrs. Innes for April, Mrs. Taylor for May, Mrs. Pilkey for June, Mrs. McGregor for August, and Mrs. Greening for September. The month of July is not included in this selection as the annual excursion takes place during that month. The four remaining months were also left over and ladies will be appointed for those later on. The members' fees were then collected for the coming year.
A vote of thanks was tendered to

W. M. Fleming for his assistance in auditing the books; to Dr. Battisby for his kindness and thoughtfulness in always doing what was best for both the spiritual and corporal wants of the hospital; to the press for what it had done to assist the society. Dr. Battisby closed the meeting with prayer.

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Most persons who read detective stories, and most literary critics, too, believe that this very popular form of fiction was invented by Edgar Allan Poe. They point to his story of "The Purloined Letter" as being the first of its kind—the first in which is introduced the man of keen mind, of close reasoning and of constructive imagination, who is able to piece together certain facts that are known and then by brilliant deduction to pass from them to other facts which are not known, but the truth of which he is able to establish beyond a doubt.

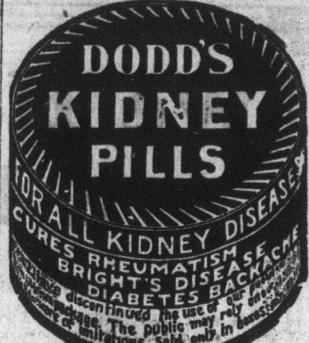
Poe himself had a mind precisely of this character—the mind of a mathematician, subtle, logical and capable of searching analysis. He once gave a remarkable illustration of what he could do as an investigator of mysterious crime. A young shopgirl named Mary Rogers was found murdered under circumstances which excited great public interest in New York. The police were completely baffled, though they advanced a theory which was plausible in part. Poe, taking the facts that were admitted, wove them into a story, the scene of which he laid in Paris and which he called "The Mystery of Marie Rogêt." Then from what was known he passed by deductive reasoning to what was quite unknown and worked out a solution to the puzzle which no professional detective had been able to explain. Years afterward the confession of a dying man afforded proof that Poe was right and that he had reconstructed accurately the whole series of events which led to the death of Mary Rogers.

This remarkable achievement fixed in the public mind the notion that this use of logic blended with imagination was original with Poe. As a matter of fact, it is almost certain that Poe, who was deeply versed in French literature, got the suggestion of the method from reading certain passages in the oriental tale called "Zadig," by Voltaire. In this book a young man is questioned as to whether he had seen a stray dog and horse that might have passed him on his journey. In reply he describes very accurately the peculiarities of both, though he had not seen them. He had deduced his knowledge from observing certain indications along the way—the nature of the footprints and many other signs which the ordinary person would either not have noticed or would have been too dull to understand. Here is really the germ of the conception which Poe so brilliantly elaborated in the story of "The Purloined Letter," where we find exhibited the striking contrast between the working of a usual mind and the achievements of a mind of exceptional power and training.

Poe's central figure, the amateur detective, was afterward caught up and elaborated with great effect by several French writers, of whom the chief was Emile Gaboriau. Gaboriau gave the world the character of M. Lecoq in the remarkable novel of that name. Lecoq is a professional detective, but appears in that book as a novice, inexperienced, but full of intelligence and enthusiasm and obliged to work out his clues against the secret opposition of his official chief, Gervot, who is jealous of the young detective. In the background is the interesting figure of the real amateur detective, old Father Tire-au-Clair ("Bring-to-light"), a retired tradesman who studies crime from sheer love of the intellectual puzzle which it affords him and which he solves by purely scientific deduction.

Sir Conan Doyle in creating Sherlock Holmes openly acknowledged his great indebtedness to Poe. Like Poe's hero, Holmes works apart from the official police and is consulted by them when they are wholly at a loss. Many of the incidents in the Holmes cycle of stories were suggested by the inventions of Poe. Yet it is only fair to say that Doyle has gone one step further than his master. Poe's characters are abstractions. They are like chessmen on the board and excite interest only because of the complexity of the problem which they are made to solve. Doyle's characters, on the other hand, are drawn with sympathy and a shrewd insight into human nature. They entertain us by their whims and individual traits no less than by the adventures through which they pass. Thus Holmes' addiction to the cocaine habit, his trick of smoking great quantities of shag tobacco when thinking out a problem, his dislike of women, his skill as a boxer—in fact, a score of traits all give him individuality and make us think of him as a fascinating character quite apart from his powers as a deductive reasoner. And it is so with the minor personages as well—Watson, the somewhat obtuse chronicler of the adventures; Lestrade and Gregson of the official police and Moriarty, the arch criminal.

But, however ingeniously Gaboriau may have spun tangled plots, or however ably Conan Doyle may have given life and reality to the central figure of his stories, they all derive their inspiration, whether consciously or not, from the clever tale told by the famous Frenchman before Poe saw the light—Scraps Book.



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Mr. Cremer, M. P., and the Forthcoming Hague Conference.

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Musical Walking Sticks.
Among the queer instruments in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, are a cane violin and three cane flutes. The former is a peculiar narrow instrument of small size, but perfect in every detail, made in imitation of a walking stick and furnished with an ornamental knob handle. The strings are held by small iron pins and are tuned with a key. When not in use a small bow slips within the stick, and a round cover, held by metal bands, conceals the clever little instrument. The length of the violin is two feet eleven inches, and its greatest width is one and three-quarters inches. It is a German invention and dates from the nineteenth century. Like the cane violin, the cane flute is also of German make, but it dates from early in the eighteenth century. The flute is in C and is made of a light wood, ornamented with turned bands of the same color and finished with a knob. The lower joint is solid. It has six finger holes and one flat brass key. The instrument is blown at the side like the transverse flute and is an excellent sounder. It is three feet long, and it requires a close inspection to see that the cane contains a flute.

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E. E. Parrott & Son, auctioneers of this city, have received instructions from Mrs. A. Duddy to sell at her residence, on the south side of Murray street, three doors east of Adelaide street, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at one o'clock sharp, all her household effects, consisting of the following articles:

One first class piano, one grand organ, one extension table, two centre tables, three bedroom suites with mattresses and bedding, a Crown Treasure coal stove, one cooking stove, one sideboard, one parlor suite, six rocking chairs, twelve house chairs, one bureau, one kitchen table, one Raymond sewing machine, one washing machine, two hanging lamps, two tapestry carpets, two stair carpets, four rugs, face curtains, window blinds, a large quantity of dishes, fancy china and silverware, all kinds of cooking utensils, and other articles too numerous to mention.
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NOTICE

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THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Held its Annual Meeting at its home Office in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1907. The President, Mr. John L. Blaikie, was appointed Chairman and the Managing Director, Mr. L. Goldman, Secretary when the following report was submitted:

NEW BUSINESS

The policies issued for the year, together with those revived, amounted to the sum of \$4,364,624, being less than the new business transacted for the previous year. Owing to the conditions prevailing in the life insurance business on this Continent, the Directors considered that in the interests of the policyholders the reduction in expenses was of greater importance than expansion in new business, and in this respect the statement presented shows they have been eminently successful, by making the very large reduction of about five per cent. in one year in the ratio of expenses to premium income. This percentage of reduction has resulted in the material saving in expenses of \$48,996.49, as compared with the previous year.

CASH INCOME

The cash income for the first year from Premiums, Interest, etc. was \$1,745,544, showing the satisfactory increase for the year of \$86,450.94.

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS

The amount paid on policyholders' account was \$58,195.68, and of this amount the sum of \$306,179.53 represents payments for dividends, matured endowments, etc.

ASSETS

The assets increased during the year by the sum of \$831,050.79, and now amount to \$7,799,064.45.

ADDITION TO RESERVE

After making ample provision for all liabilities, including special addition to the reserve fund, and paying a relatively large amount for dividends to policyholders during the year, there was a handsome addition made to the net surplus, which now amounts to \$650,209.08, the year's work, from the financial standpoint, being the best in the Company's history.

ASSETS SAFELY INVESTED

The assets of the Company have been, as heretofore, invested in the best class of securities; a detailed list of these will be published with the Annual Report for distribution.

FULL REPORT SENT TO GOVERNMENT

As heretofore, the Company's books were closed on the last business day of the year, and in due course full reports with detailed list of the securities held by the Company were sent to the Government.

MONTHLY AUDIT

A monthly examination of the books of the Company was made by the auditors, and at the close of the year they made a thorough scrutiny of all the securities held by the Company. In addition to the examination of the securities by the Auditors, a Committee of the Board, consisting of two Directors, audited these securities each quarter.

Owing to Dominion Legislation providing that Judges should not be Directors of Corporations, the First Vice President, Hon. Sir William R. Meredith, K. C., who had been associated with the Company for many years, much to its advantage, felt compelled to resign his position on the Board of the Company, and the Directors accepted the same with great reluctance.

It will be the duty of this Meeting to elect a Director to fill the vacancy thus created.

The Insurance Legislation enacted in New York State which went into effect January 1st, 1907, had the effect of our Manager and Agents there declining to accept the statutory terms of remuneration, and it was, therefore, found necessary to cease writing new business in the State. Provision has been made at the Syracuse office to look after the interests of policyholders in that State, while the large deposit will remain there for the security of policyholders in the United States.

The care and attention manifested in their duties by the Company's Officers, Provincial Managers, Inspectors, District Agents, and all other Agents, are deserving of the highest commendations.

L. GOLDMAN, Managing Director. J. L. BLAIEKIE, President.

The Annual Report, showing marked proofs of the solid position of the Company and containing a list of the securities held, and also those upon which the Company has made collateral loans, will be sent in due course to each policyholder.

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WILL TAX GAS WELLS

Minister Of Lands And Mines Places Principles Before Politics

GAS MEN'S OBJECTIONS

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Interest yesterday afternoon centered less in the comparatively pre-emptory short session of the Legislature than in the more interesting and significant proceedings which were transpiring simultaneously in the reception room. Thither had gathered a large deputation, representing all the natural gas districts of the Province, to protest to Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands and Mines, against the proposed tax on natural gas wells.

Duty to the State. "I had hoped that the day was past in Ontario when the argument of vote-getting or vote-losing was supposed to outweigh with a Minister of the Crown what he believed to be the right and in the best interests of the whole Province. Up in the north, in my own constituency, among my own people engaged and interested in the mining operations, they do not feel kindly to the mining tax, which you endorse. I don't think it is a vote-getter for me. I know it is not. It is because we think it is in the interests of the whole Province that we submit it to the Legislature. It may not be good politics. I do not suppose it is. But will we be any the worse for trying principle, instead of politics, for a while?"

Principle Before Politics.

Such was the essence of the earnest and outspoken response that Hon. Frank Cochrane left with the visitors who had urged that the tax would prove anything but a "vote-getter" in their districts. It bespoke the passing of the old regime and the advent of the new, the placing of principle before political expediency in the conduct of the public business of the Province by the Whitney administration.

The deputation was an exceptionally large one, filling the reception room. It was headed by Messrs. F. R. Lawler, M. P., of Haldimand; W. T. Henderson, of Brantford, and Lewis Wigle, of Essex.

Tax Would Mean Hardship.

The various speakers put up a vigorous case. They claimed that with the exception of two large companies, all the natural gas wells were in the hands of small owners, upon whom the tax would fall and be a hardship, and contended that the industry was rather entitled to a bonus than a tax.

They also took the ground that gas was as important for generating power as Niagara power, whereupon the Minister pointed out that Niagara power was taxed so much per horsepower.

Scores of Dry Mines.

The claim that the enterprise was speculative and that many borings proved to be dry wells. Hon. Mr. Cochrane met by the observation that in the north country, where they were anxious for the mines to bear all the taxes, there were scores of "dry mines."

"Let me ask you one question," he exclaimed. "Are you in favor of the mining tax on the mines?"

The deputation unanimously declared that they were.

"I thought so," responded the Minister. "And do you not think, then, as Canadians, you can well afford to bear your moderate part of the taxes as well as the men of the north?"

Everybody Should Pay.

"The Government takes the stand that, as good citizens, all deriving special benefit from the natural resources of the Province should put up their share—and be willing to do so." Continuing, Hon. Mr. Cochrane said there was some force in the argument that the tax should be put on the profits of the companies operating as well as on the well-owners.

The deputation pointed out that the northern mining country had had the advantage of a railway built by the Province, but the Minister maintained that the railway was built to serve the great clay belt before the mining discoveries were recorded.

Will Pay For Railway.

"In any event," said Mr. Cochrane significantly, "the Province is certain of getting enough out of the portion it has reserved to pay for the railway in full entirety. It will cost you nothing."

Concluding, the Minister of Lands and Mines added that an inspector would be appointed to look into conditions in the natural gas regions and asked the deputation to put in writing what they deemed the proper and fair method of dealing with the taxation of these properties.

In the House the proceedings were exceptionally brief, in fact but two Liberal members were in their seats when it assembled, Messrs. Graham and Preston.

The Three-Fifths Clause. Hon. Mr. Whitney made an explanatory statement which may indicate that the Government has not determined upon the much-discussed three-fifths clause as a permanent enactment.

It was an inaccurate editorial quotation in a morning paper from his reply to the Alliance deputation, that brought the Prime Minister to his feet. He pointed out that the inaccurate was proven by the news report in the same paper, which was correct. The former quoted Mr. Whitney as saying the Government did not propose to make any change in the present legislation, while the latter, which the Prime Minister declared was correct, read that the Government did not propose to make any hasty change. Mr. George Kidd (Stormont) secured an order of the House for a return of all estates now unsettled, upon which succession duty was claimed by the Treasury Department, where the due date was on or before Jan. 1, 1906, and the estimated amount of the duty due and the reasons why it was unsettled.

CAMDEN LIBERALS FEEL BLUE

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and a worried look settled upon his brow. He appeared nervous, and Cap. R. Noble looked very much as if he would have to go home once more, dissatisfied.

THE CRISIS.

The next pool settled the hopes and ambitions of the crowd from Camden, and Mr. Sturgis realized that he had been handed the icy mit. Camden had come to the convention 23 strong—a number more than they were entitled to—and now they realized that it was truly "23" for their candidate, and they were forced to witness a humiliating "skidoo."

Mr. Gosnell received 106 votes and Mr. Sturgis 82. Mr. Sturgis succeeded in pulling himself together sufficiently to move, with choking voice, that the nomination be made unanimous. He thanked those who had supported him. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

THE PROUD VICTOR.

Mr. Gosnell then addressed the meeting, and thanked them for the nomination. He felt that it was the proudest moment in his life. He said that he would do his level best, but he would lean heavily on the party for support. He would try to organize the constituency. He believed that he would be their next representative. He was loudly cheered.

COL. ATKINSON.

Col. Atkinson was then introduced to the audience, but there were a great many who were not able to hear his speech as they had to catch trains for home. The Colonel registered Norfolk, and the first impression received by a person who hears him speak, is that he makes a good representative. He is a military man, with all the necessary characteristics of a good fighter.

He has a commanding appearance and holds himself erect like a true soldier. It is not hard to see that he is a prince among good fellows, and although he may say things at times which would not be accepted by everyone in Ontario as true logic, still the most of this can be overlooked in the splendid personality of the man. He has a most magnetic nature—the kind which appeals to men both young and old, and after meeting him and conversing with him it is not hard to understand how he holds his constituency with 100 of a majority. It was not long before he had the sympathy of his audience, and he held it throughout. He was interrupted several times with spirited applause.

He criticised the Whitney Government somewhat strongly on matters of finance, licenses, Niagara power, and educational affairs, but the most of his time was taken up in parading the "bright spots" in the administration of the late Ross Government.

The Colonel is a former Kent boy, having lived for a year in Chatham. He afterwards went to Bothwell, and played in a band there with Geo. Johns, who is now reeve of that town, and who was present at the convention.

The convention broke up with the usual cheers.

HOW IT LOOKED.

To the outside observer the proceedings of the day had their significance. Mr. Gosnell, the candidate, is considered a "good fellow," but as one of the delegates from his own town said, when asked if he felt elated over the day's work, "We are not particularly elated. You know, none of us was strong for Dick. We felt that he was our man, and we were bound to support him. He wanted it, and there was no other man in our crowd who did want it particularly."

On the other hand the people from Camden were enthusiastic for Sturgis, and they are by no means satisfied. There are, no doubt, many who will be like their leader. "They won't fight as hard for anyone else," Mr. Sturgis was considered stronger in Orford than Mr. Gosnell, but he was over-rated in the respect. One of the Orford delegates said when the nominations were going on, "You might as well put up a stick as Gosnell." He won't get the convention, let alone the election. It was thought that when Ferguson dropped out that all his support would be swung in Mr. Sturgis' direction, but the rusty cogs of the disappointed machine were not sufficiently oiled, and the most of Mr. Ferguson's support went to Mr. Gosnell.

UNSELFISH MOTIVE.

It was a keen disappointment for Mr. Sturgis. As he stated to The Planet, it lifted a great deal of responsibility from his shoulders, and on this account he would not care so much, but he was looking to the good of the party. He felt that he was the man who could have regaled the riding, and on this account he was anxious to step into harness. He had gone to the convention armed with letters from Conservatives, some of whom would support him, he said, and others would do nothing against him.

DISMAL OUTLOOK.

Mr. Sturgis' hopes for the party now are not very bright, and his opinions are shared by so many that the situation does not look the most encouraging for Mr. Gosnell. There is no disputing the fact that Mr. Sturgis has friends. He has lots of them. All of the people who were invited to his banquet when he was retiring from the wardenship, are strong for him. He is a power in East Kent today, and the party cannot afford to laugh at him, nor deliver to him many turn-downs like the one he got yesterday. He is conscientious in what he says and does.

THE "WHITE ELEPHANT."

In speaking of the convention, on the way home on the train, he did not hold out much hope for the

Liberals as against Mr. Bowyer, now. He seemed to be of the opinion that it was "all off." While Mr. Gosnell is a fine man personally, he did not think that he was the right kind of a worker, and it was very doubtful in his (Mr. Sturgis') mind if the candidate appointed would be able to redeem the riding. Certain factions in Ridgeway had told him before he left that place that day, that they were very glad that he (Sturgis) did not get the nomination, for now they would be able to get out and work against Gosnell, and they would do it. If Mr. Sturgis had received the nomination this faction would have been turned his way. There were many things which the delegates did not understand when they cast their votes, and they would realize this before the election came off. He even went so far as to suggest that Mr. Gosnell was a "White Elephant," meaning, presumably that he would be a load to carry.

ACCUSED OF SLAUGHTER.

Evidence May Be Lacking, No Ante-mortem Statement Taken.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—Heuser and Reitz, the two men who are charged with manslaughter, in having caused the death of John Orazek, came up for their preliminary hearing yesterday, and were sent up for trial.

Orazek's death is said to have been the result of a cruel beating administered by the two prisoners during a row in the American Hotel.

Orazek died in the hospital last Monday night, and it is alleged, that no ante-mortem statement was taken by the attending physician, Dr. Luckner, before death, nor was the chief of police notified of Orazek's approaching end, although it was known for days that he could not recover.

BIG STORM DOWN EAST.

Blizzard Ties Up Traffic in Vicinity of St. John.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 26.—A terrific storm raged here all yesterday, and street cars are stalled all over the city.

Last night the snow stopped falling, but a blizzard, piling huge drifts, is threatening to paralyze traffic completely.

The like has not been known here in years. All I.C.R. trains from the north are held up on account of the drifts.

CANADA ALONE OPPOSED.

Hen-and-Chicken Imperialism and Colonial Democracy.

London, Feb. 26.—(C. A. P.)—The Morning Post points out that practically all the colonies except Canada favor an Imperial Council. It remarks that nothing is more discouraging to a great movement than an ill-judged advance which ultimately involves a greater retreat. Hen-and-chicken Imperialism does not fit in with the modern instincts of colonial democracy.

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