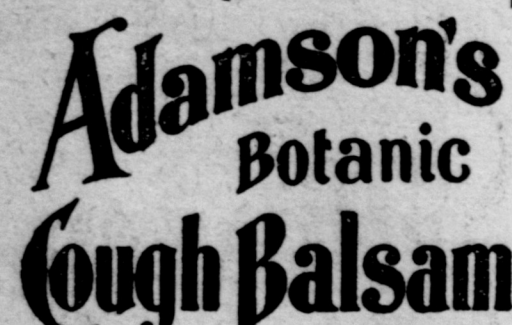


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and his loyal peep are also to be congratulated upon the successful realization of their up-to-date idea. Thursday evening 'The Lady of the Sheds' was looking her best in her bridal robes, radiant with the silver sheen of the bejeweled heavens. The hall was transformed into a bower of joy.

The programme was well chosen and skilfully rendered. I was, I fear, a freemason and a few of our. The large company smiled with satisfaction and occasionally burst into rapture over some stage triumph. The ladies also most beautifully provided for fastidious palates. Nor were the festive joys confined to St. Andrew's church. Sister churches of Chatham were represented, and 'the stranger' was seen within the gates. The good people were mindful to entertain strangers, hoping they might find angels and some, and some strangers that were not angels enjoyed the benefit of the doubt.

The programme was: 1. God save the Queen by Orchestra and audience. 2. Selection by Orchestra. 3. Selection by Orchestra. 4. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 5. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 6. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 7. Selection by Orchestra. 8. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 9. Selection by Orchestra. 10. Reading by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 11. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 12. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 13. Refrain and solo by Orchestra. 14. Solo by Mrs. M. J. McLeod. 15. Refrain and solo by Orchestra. 16. God save the Queen, Audience.

The general pastor with a willing band of ladies, welcomed the guests, and everything possible was done to make the evening a success. The result must be most gratifying, and a full reward for the great trouble undertaken.

Public Meeting

There was quite a large gathering of men and boys in Massey Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening last, at a meeting which assembled pursuant to the following notice: A public meeting of the ratepayers of the Town of Chatham will be held in the Massey Hall on Monday, the 12th INSTANT, AT 7.30 P.M.

to obtain their approval of a proposed plan of works to acquire the property, works, rights and franchises of the Chatham Electric Light Company, or the property, works and franchises of any other company incorporated for the purpose of generating and supplying electricity within the said town. Dated this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1900.

A little after eight the Mayor called the assembly to order and tried to induce these present to occupy seats less remote from the front. While a number came forward the greater part of the audience remained in the rear. The Mayor stated that his attention, having been called a few weeks ago to the advertisement of the Chatham Electric Light Company of its intention to seek extended powers, and having been requested to call a special meeting of the Town Council to consider the subject, he had done so.

The council met and decided that the town ought itself to own the franchise especially in view of its intending to provide itself with a water system, in connection with which a lighting plant might be economically run. He had obtained a report from an expert on the value of the local company's plant and estimated on a new plant for street lighting as well as for a general electric plant.

His Worship proceeded to read the report and estimate referred to. It placed the value of the Chatham Company's plant—excluding the station land and buildings—at \$17,005, but stated that it would require \$10,000 more to put in new boilers and other needed improvements to bring it up to latest standards. A new \$2,500 lighting plant could be installed in the town for \$22,400, while a street lighting plant run from the proposed water pumping station could be installed complete for \$47,700 and run at a cost of \$12,210 a year.

Mr. McLeod, in addition to the one running the water engines, it would add \$280 more to the estimate. It would take 150 tons of coal a year to run such a plant. Having placed the matter before the meeting at considerable length His Worship said that a chairman should be appointed.

Mr. Robert Murray was chosen chairman and Alderman M. S. Hocken secretary. All Watt took the platform and gave a resume of the circumstances leading to the holding of the meeting as already stated by the Mayor. As Chairman of the Town Council Light Committee he had been called upon to set in the matter and had prepared a bill for the legislature to empower the Council to acquire the Electric Company's plant and franchise and issue bonds to provide the funds to pay for same. Mr. Pilcher, the expert whose report the Mayor had read, gave the committee to understand that the best thing the town could do was to install a street-lighting plant of its own in connection with the proposed water works and not to undertake other lighting service in the town. He said \$1,000 would run such a plant; others said it would cost more, but the outside investment would be not more than \$6,000, which would give one hundred street lights of 32 candle power—a better service than the town now has.

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The chairman read the resolution and reminded Mr. Nicol that it was quite broad in its scope and did not contemplate a street lighting plant only. There were now calls for Aid. Snowball.

All. Snowball, as managing director of the Chatham Electric Light Company, explained their reason for seeking extended powers was to enable them to extend their business. Their present charter did not give them authority to supply power and heat, a demand for which was springing up. Small factories could be run more cheaply with electric power from outside than from steam, and they were safer from fire. He did not think that it could be truthfully said that the firm belonged to ever grasping for rights belonging to the town, but they had established the electric lighting business simply to meet a public demand therefor.

When they wished to extend the business to keep it abreast of the times, somebody seemed to think the town ought to own it and he was asked if he would sell out. He said he would at a fair price, although he was not offering it for sale. Many present knew that his brother had established the business 17 years ago, but was obliged on account of his health to live elsewhere. He (Ald. Snowball) had taken hold of it and it was run at a loss until about three years ago. Now, it was on a paying basis. When asked to sell he had offered, although he was not bound to do so, to show his books and give the committee all information to enable them to ascertain what the value of the plant was. He had asked them to have nothing to do with the General Electric Company in the matter, as his company had difficulty with that concern. He had, however, said nothing when the Mayor proposed to bring Mr. Fisher here to report on and value the plant. Mr. Pilcher resided in Halifax, represented the General Electric Company and sold electric plants on commission. When he came here, he, Mr. Snowball, took him around and gave him every information. He observed that he condemned the local company's boiler and put \$1,000 in his estimate for new ones—his boiler. It was a coincidence that a Mr. Waller agent for the Babcock boiler was on the other day and said he was told by Mr. Fisher that a new boiler was wanted for Chatham electric light station. That station had now better boilers than the Babcock. The St. John Electric Light Company had the Babcock boilers, but they put them out a year ago and sold them to Mr. Mooney of the Mispel Palm mills. They preferred some other boiler to that which Mr. Pilcher recommended for Chatham.

Mr. Snowball took up items of Mr. Pilcher's estimate of the value of the local plant and discussed the values he had quoted. He valued meters at \$2,000, when their actual cost at the place of purchase, at the prices which Mr. Pilcher himself sold them for was \$2,500, without reckoning freight or other charges. When Mr. Pilcher was in his part and he added \$300 to his estimate. He put poles and 35 miles of wire at \$2,000. He estimated the cost of erecting poles at 25c. Everybody who understood the subject knew this was a gross undervaluation to the extent of \$2,000. Then, Mr. Pilcher put the station land and building at \$2,000. Mr. John McDonald said building at \$2,000. Mr. John McDonald said building at \$2,000. Mr. John McDonald said building at \$2,000.

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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS MALTYBY—As we go to press we are informed of the death of Mr. Thomas Maltby at the residence, Newcastle, yesterday afternoon.

A GOOD CHURCH—The Farmers' and Dairymen Association of New Brunswick made an excellent choice for their president this year in selecting Mr. A. C. Dickson for that office. They also elected Mr. Clement Dickson a vice president.

LECTURE—Rev. Geo. M. Young will lecture in St. Luke's this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Subject, 'China the land of the Dragon.' Silver collection—The lecture will be under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society.

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TOWN ACCOUNTS—We have received from the Town Clerk a copy of the Chatham accounts for the year 1899. It has a very correct picture of Mayor Winslow on the reverse side of the title page. He appears in a modest summer street costume, in the absence of robes of office, which have not yet become a part of our civic plant.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE—Col. Wm. S. Morris, of the Northwest Mounted Police, was in Fredericton on Monday. He is on a tour in connection with the re-organizing of the Mounted Police force. He will next proceed to Charlottetown and after he gets through there will return to Fredericton. Col. Morris is remembered as having at one time done business in Chatham.

THE DIALOY. Last week's Advocate says:—'A report was in circulation yesterday, that the Rev. Mr. Bell, of the Methodist Church, had taken from his house on Friday evening by a crowd and pretty roughly handled.'

It is, of course, an exasperating thing to be called upon to endure the presence of Boer sympathizers, but as they are not so plentiful in New Brunswick and certainly not so dangerous as our lunatics, we ought, perhaps, to endeavor to tolerate them—unless they intrude expressions of their disloyalty upon us, personally. It is said that we have some persons who, fortunately, are equally harmless, but somewhat they respect what constitutes disloyalty, who are quietly discouraging those who, who have a certain influence, from sitting in the proposed patriotic concert in Chatham. Of course, they cannot mar the success of the undertaking and the only possible result of their efforts in the direction indicated will be to demonstrate the fact that they are unsafe, uninfidential and blind guides.

Mr. R. Reynolds, of 39 Queen St., Ottawa, writes:—'I have been a constant sufferer from Catarrh with dropping in the throat, &c., for some time. My doctor said an operation would be necessary, but the use of one bottle of Catarrh has rid me of my trouble.' Catarrh-o-za is a new scientific treatment guarantee to cure Catarrh, Asthma and Bronchitis. Sold everywhere. Trial outfit sent by air express for 10c. In stamps by N. C. POLSON & CO., Kingston, Ont., Proprietors.

DEATH IN VANOUVER—The Vancouver World records the death of Mrs. A. Alexander late of Newcastle who, it says, died at the residence of Mr. John Johnston, 698 Hornby Street, at the ripe age of 73 years. 'The deceased has been in failing health for some time. She was a beautiful type of a Christian woman and was greatly loved by all who knew her. Mrs. Alexander was a native of Newcastle, New Brunswick. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and the services were conducted by the Rev. E. D. McLean, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Miller of Eburne.'

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH 'AT HOME' St. Andrew's Church is to be congratulated upon the success of their 'At Home' last Thursday evening. In the Mesonite Hall. The Presbyterian church has in the idea. The Presbyterian church has in the idea. The Presbyterian church has in the idea.

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