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Shoe Factory Was a Bubble And It's Gone "Bust!"

Developments in connection with the proposed establishment in Lindsay of a glove and shoe factory by one, D. B. Thomas, having assumed an interesting and at the same time startling nature, and it begins to look as if the hopes nourished by our citizens of securing a first class industry have been rudely shattered.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Thomas opened up negotiations with our Board of Trade, he gave out the information that the proposed industry was a branch of a larger one in Cleveland, Ohio. He further vouchsafed the information that the Thomas Shoe Co., had a large warehouse in Winnipeg, and their object in locating in Canada was to escape the excessive duty on products of their factory.

Mr. Thomas, in interviewing the managers of local banks on monetary matters, gave the names of so-called reputable citizens in Cleveland and Cincinnati. Then again he called an auction sale of his farm and stock, which was, he said, was located in Peel County.

Investigations have been made during the past few days regarding the truth of these statements. Yesterday the startling announcement was received from the Mayor of Cleveland to the effect that D. B. Thomas was not known in the city, nor was there such an industry as the Thomas Shoe Co. This was followed by a telegram from Winnipeg, containing the information that the Thomas Shoe Co. had no warehouse in that city.

These statements, coupled with the fact that the Cleveland and Cincinnati references had notified the banks that D. B. Thomas was a stranger to them, started the citizens thinking. The Peel stock farm could not be located in that county, and this fact, too, tended to intensify the suspicions entertained.

The manager of the Standard Bank, with whom Mr. Thomas had transacted some business, had certain misgivings, and he requested that individual to settle with the institution at once. This he promptly did, paying his account yesterday afternoon with money he had borrowed from the Home Bank.

Ugly rumors had gained currency during the afternoon, and the excitement prevailing reached its climax. When Mr. Thomas expressed his intention of going to Toronto on business for a day or so. He proceeded, to the C.P.R. station, followed by the Home Bank manager, from whom he had obtained money. Mr. Thomas, it is understood, assured that gentleman that everything would be all right, and that he would be back to town.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trade arrived on the scene and efforts were made to persuade Mr. Thomas to remain over,

and explain certain matters. He boarded the train, however, but not before the Chairman of the Board of Trade assured him that if it was his money he had in his possession he would have him arrested.

The manager of the bank went as far as Ops station, and then left the train, returning to town to consult his solicitor regarding future action. Thomas sent back word to town that he would be found at the Walker House if wanted, but of course he never reached there. The conductor on the C.P.R. train for Toronto was requested to keep his eye on Thomas but that individual left the train at Agincourt, and eluded the authorities who were on the look out for him.

This morning Chief Vincent sent out descriptive circulars to many places, in the Province, and the police are keeping a sharp look out for the bogus manufacturer.

"What was his game?" is a query heard on all sides. The Post is not in a position to answer, but one thing is certain, and that is the town does not get a shoe factory. That institution existed only in the imagination of that beardless young man, Mr. Thomas. "He was a stranger and he took us in," and the wild-eyed statements he made concerning the "industry" was simply a bubble that was quickly pricked when the truth oozed out.

That he was a slick one no one will deny. He was a glib tongued "promoter," and the story he concocted, and the enterprise and thrift he exhibited during the preliminary operations, makes the story of his movements read like a selection from the Arabian nights.

This is not the first time he has deluded people, and there are a great many in town who believe that his intention was to make a haul out of the local banks, and then, like the Arab, "silently steal away." His plans, however, miscarried, and fortunately he got away with only a couple of hundred dollars.

He was a revised edition of Annanias, the prince of fabricators, and his "phony" talk was very deceiving. He wiggled out of the tight corners with the grace and agility of a contortionist, and his big talk was usually backed up by evidence that seemed most convincing.

Was he a dope fiend? No, he was a dispenser of "dope" of the hot air variety, and he cunningly concealed the real motive of his plan of campaign in a clever manner.

No one doubted his words regarding the proposed industry. His proposition, while being an unusual liberality one, was not of such a nature as to arouse suspicion. The negotiations carried on, as well as the plans mapped out regarding the construction work were ingeniously arranged and those of our citizens who are inclined to criticize our council and

Board of Trade in connection with this matter, and remark, "I told you so," are no wiser in their generation than those who negotiated with the much wanted "Thomas." He would have hoodwinked Solomon of old, in all his glory, not to say anything of the light weight Solomons of Lindsay.

It was one of the ripest schemes ever dished up to a community of wise men. Imagine, if you can, although the thoughts of it are painful, a beardless youth in the flush of manhood, visiting the town with the object of starting an industry. Not only did he enter into a satisfactory agreement with the town, but he started a staff of men to work on the proposed "industry" and superintended at various intervals the work as it progressed. He was out bright and early at Riverside cemetery on Nov. 14th with a staff of men selecting the brick from the ruins of the old Ops township hall. All this looked good and our joy knew no bounds as visions of tall chimneys and the hum of machinery loomed up before us. But why dwell upon the incident? Our dream of hope is shattered. The next question is will Thomas "come back?" Ucho answers "Sca!" He is gone, but he will not be forgotten. The "tick-tick" of his typewriters is silent overhead, and the stock of lead pencils we had purchased in anticipation of a harvest in the furnishing of news to our readers regarding his movements is dead stock on our hands.

It is up to Mr. A. D. Mallon to revise his statement that Providence sent Mr. Thomas to Lindsay. We don't believe it, and we don't care who knows it.

Columns could be written on this "sensation," but enough for to-day.

Tune—Well, you know.

Has anybody here seen Thomas? T-H-O-M-A-S.

Has anybody here seen Thomas? That man of mighty things.

You laid your plans quite slick, you know.

Your hot air valves were never low. Has anybody here seen Thomas? Tommy, you've taken Thomas.

OMEMEE

(Special to the Post)
Mrs. Hodgetts joined her husband last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgetts have moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Groult.

On Sunday evening a little excitement was caused during the service in the Methodist church, when the lights without warning, flickered and went out. The nervous ones in the congregation had their fears allayed by the information that the generator was in a cement gas-house some distance from the church. Lamps were quickly procured and the service was continued. There was a large congregation and comparative quietness reigned during the short interval in which the place was in darkness.

On Friday evening there will be an address in the Presbyterian church by Mr. Davidson, returned missionary from India under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church will be held Sunday, Dec. 11th. The Rev. Geo. W. Henderson will occupy the pulpit at both services and special music will be rendered by the choir.

Rev. D. H. Currie occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church in Millbrook on Sunday last.

The Girls' Guild of Christ church are making preparations for a bazaar and tea to be held in the basement of the church early in December.

On Sunday the anniversary services of Lakevale Presbyterian church were held. The Rev. Mr. Johnson of Millbrook conducting the services. Mr. Johnson is an able speaker and gave splendid discourses. On the following Monday evening a supper and concert were given which were well attended in spite of the inclement weather. Several Omemee artists took part in the programme. The receipts of the evening were about eighty-five dollars.

There is great rejoicing in the village over the able manner in which Reeve Mulligan defended our High school case at the County Council last week.

Verulam Council

The next meeting of the Verulam Council will be held in the Town Hall, Bobcaygeon, Thursday, Dec. 15th at 10 a.m.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the patrons and shareholders of the North Ops Cheese Factory will be held at one o'clock on Monday, Nov. 28, 1916. A full attendance is requested. Thos Flynn, President.

DAIRY MATTERS OF INTEREST TOPICS AT TUESDAY'S MEETING

Yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. the annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association was held in the Council chamber.

MR. LEWIS PRESIDED

Ald. Lewis, of Iowa, occupied the chair, and in opening, said that he was glad to have the honor of being Chairman for the afternoon. He was sorry to see that there were so few farmers present. He stated that he wished to speak a few words along the line of producing a better class and quality of butter, in connection with which there are a number of drawbacks, and one way to succeed is to get the friendship of the farmer, and for the manufacturer and the farmer to get in closer touch with one another, and not try and "do" them, and as the expression commonly used says: "Go past the inspector's nose," and the object of the farmer should be to get his or her produce as near perfection as possible. This has been a great drawback to the manufacture of butter.

We take in all kinds of cream and what we want is good thick cream, with a good flavor, which is always important. To do this, cleanliness is necessary, and the separator should be cleaned a couple of times a day, always immediately or shortly after use. The speed of a separator should be regulated by the turner, not turning it fast for a minute, then slowly, but with an even turning.

On leaving the separator, the cream should be cooled. I strongly recommend that the cream should be delivered to the creamery more than once a week and not less than twice. Cream should be 30 per cent cream.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Inspector Cameron, of Peterborough Sanitary Inspector and Dairy Instructor of this district, then read the following report, which was adopted.

"I take great pleasure in presenting my sixth annual report as Sanitary Inspector and Dairy Instructor for the Lindsay Syndicate.

"I started my work of visiting factories the first week in May, and found the factory men preparing for an earlier start than has been customary in this section for the past few years, the majority of them getting under way early in May. I was pleased to note the considerable progress being made in the way of improvements. About \$2000 was spent



GENERAL SIR JOHN FRENCH. Whose report on the Canadian Militia has been made public

this season in improving factory buildings, flows, equipments, wet tanks etc. While this is very gratifying and I believe that our factory buildings never were in better condition, they are not up to our sanitary requirements, and here I hope another season opens.

On my list I had 23 cheese factories two less than last year. Pine Grove and Perrytown not being in operation I also visited five creameries: Victoria, Oakwood, Harwood and Orochi which were kept in fairly good condition and are evidently doing a satisfactory business.

During the season I made 41 full day visits to factories and 189 call visits. The number of patrons furnishing milk was 1527. Of these I visited 107. I listed 1447 samples of milk for adulteration. The average per cent of fat in milk was 3.61. Average loss of fat in the whey .192 The lowest whey test was .12. This was where the milk was delivered in a fairly good condition, and the highest test, .3 per cent, was found where

the milk was received in a very over-ripe condition. This only partially shows the loss sustained by the producer where over ripe milk is delivered. While a few of our cheese makers are not as efficient and skillful in their work as they might be, they are exceptions, and I am convinced that with the skill which the average maker now possesses if we could only get all the milk delivered to our factories in condition equal to the best, the loss in the whey would be minimized, and all need of whey butter manufacture be removed.

An attempt at pasteurizing whey was made at several factories, but this work was rather incomplete owing to so much whey being allowed to accumulate in the tanks. This is a serious mistake that I hope to see remedied. To make pasturizing effective and profitable, the whey tanks should be emptied each day and I hope the factory men will do their best to accomplish this next season, and not allow so much food material to go to waste and create a nuisance at the factory as well.

Generally speaking, I would consider this season's work as fairly satisfactory. Considerable improvement was made by the producers in the way of new milk cans, milk stands, better stables, quite a number being remodelled and put in better sanitary condition.

We had a fairly good flow of milk throughout the season as compared with former years, but the supply of milk in this section should be greatly increased, as we are expected to make dairying profitable. While the quality of the milk is improving, we still get a great deal of over-ripe milk. There is not enough attention given in too many cases, to the cooling advocated by Mr. Barr last year, of placing the milk in cans with cold water or preferably ice, has been adopted by several patrons with excellent results.

I hope others will follow their example as there is great need for improvement along this line. Too many patrons seem to have the mistaken idea that by caring for their milk they are merely obliging the cheese maker. Losing sight of the fact that he is simply their servant, and that they themselves read the benefit of any improvement in the quality or increase in the yield of cheese.

The quality or increase in the yield of cheese has been compared favorably with former years. More uniformity in flavor and character has been noticeable. We had our usual trouble from heated cheese during the hot weather. We have a few good ordinary cure rooms, but too many where the maker has no con-

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Druggist, Lindsay

control over the temperature and is at the mercy of the weather. I am sorry that the people are not more prompt to act in this respect, as the amount saved in shrinkage would make the investment profitable without considering the protection to the quality.

However, I am pleased to report that one of my factories has decided to install a cool curing system for the next season. I hope to see many others follow the example.

I would recommend that the Dairymen of this direct their attention to, 1. Increasing the quantity of milk. 2. Having the milk or cream delivered to the factory or creamery in clean sound and sweet conditions, and 3. Securing cooler curing facilities in our cheese factories.

I wish to thank those who, by their co-operation have assisted me in my season's work, and I hope that the season of 1917 will see the greatest progress made in dairying in this section then we have ever seen in the past.

THE DISCUSSION

After the reading of the report.

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NOVEMBER SALE

Furs, Ready-to-wear Garments and General Dry Goods
This Sale Will Continue All Through the Month

Hand Bag

The best and largest Hand Bag you can buy for \$1.00, is now on sale during November Sale

75c

Rugs

Tapestry Floor Rugs, 3 x 4 yds regular \$11.50, November Sale special

\$9 00

Petticoats

Ladies' Sateen Petticoats, this considered by most merchants a garment to sell for \$1.25, November Sale

\$1 00

Sable Throw Tie

Regular \$14.00, November Sale price

\$12 50

Gloves

Ladies' and Children's Ringwood Gloves, navy, brown, black and fancy

25c, 35c and 50c

November Sale of High-Grade Fur and Fur-Lined Coats

Black Beaver Cloth Coat, seal fur collar, lined throughout..... \$13.50	Ladies' Atrachan Mantles, 30 inch, regular \$45., sale..... \$35.00
Green and black Kersey Cloth Coats sateen lined, German mink collar, regular \$25. sale..... \$20.00	Brown and black Coney Scarf, regular \$3.50, sale..... \$2.75
Ladies' Fur Lined Coats in green, black, brown and navy shell, neatly strapped with Western Sable Collar and Muskrat lining, regular \$50. November Sale..... \$38.50	Misses German Mink Set throw tie and muff, regular \$8.00, sale..... \$7.00
Men's Natural Coon Coats heavily furred, dark shades, regular \$98.00, sale..... \$59.00	Ladies' Broadcloth Shell Coat, mink trimmed, muskrat lining, regular, \$77. sale..... \$70.00
	Brown, navy and black broadcloth shell, muskrat lining, Alaska sable collar, regular \$62.00, November Sale price..... \$50.00

Coat Special

Brown, green, and navy Kersey Cloth Coats, 54 model, neatly tailored, silk stitched, large buttons, positively \$11.50 coat sale price..... \$9.75

Coat Special

A very elegant assortment of women's styles of Fall Coats, all 54 inch model, splendidly tailored, all the newest material, lined or unlined, November Sale..... \$13.00

Suit Special

Women's strictly high-class, fall model, cuts of rich black, pure wool chevrot, 30 inch model, satin lined, new skirt style, November Sale price..... \$9.75

Suit Special

Suits of hard finished worsted choice styles and most approved models, positively marked \$20. November sale price is..... \$13.90

Dress Goods

In Wade and Twill Serge, in navy brown and green..... 50c
Green, gaudet, wisteria, rose, brown grey and navy Poplin 60c, November sale..... 49c
Black Voile 90c, sale..... 75c
\$1.25 Black Broad cloth sale..... \$1 00
Plaids for Children's Dresses in various colors 25c and..... 50c

Silk and Net Blouses

Black Silk Waists, tucked, \$3., 3.50
Navy Silk Waists, beautifully tucked new sleeve, sale..... \$3.00
Green Silk Blouse, neatly trimmed with soutache braid, sale..... \$4.75
Brown Shot Silk Blouse, tucked and button trimmed, November Sale \$4.00
Bera Net Blouses, pretty front in soutache effect, Sale..... \$2.95

Blankets

10-4 heavy cotton Blankets, in white and blue, white and pink border, November Sale

\$1.10

Fur Muffs

Black and brown coney Muffs \$2.00; Black and brown coney Muffs, November Sale

\$3.50

Muffs

Alaska Sable Muff, beautifully furred, November Sale special

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Muffs

Western Sable Muffs, two specials at

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