

SANTA CLAUS CAMPING AT GRAHAM'S.

HERE'S HIS LETTER:



MY DEAR FRAU:

Well, I have got as far as Lindsay on my annual trip, and am camped at GRAHAM'S, The King Clothier.

I visited some of the other clothiers here, but found no such stock of sensible Gifts as at GRAHAM'S, so I am going to put up here.

GRAHAM has been having great crowds after his bargains, and I thought I would just stay here and enjoy the fun.

I was going to tell you about some of the big snaps and surprising prices at GRAHAM'S, but I don't think I have time now. The "kids" are beginning to find out my headquarters, and I'm going to be awfully busy at Graham's all week.

Frau, I want you to send our calling cards to every mother in Lindsay, telling them to send their boys to Graham's for Overcoats, Reefers, Suits and Hats, and all their Christmas Toggery.

The men know all about the big chances here, and will come without telling.---Yours Lovingly,
SANTA CLAUS.

Lindsay, Dec. 15, 1903.



And mind, Frau,
Hang up the baby's Stockings,—
Be sure you don't forget,
For the poor little dimpled darling
Has never seen a Christmas yet.
SANTA CLAUS.

PRICES ON MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING NEVER SO LOW.

You can save big money by shopping here this week and up till the 25th, you can bank on that.

Santa Claus waves his magic wand over the store, and selections for gift purposes can be made with greater pleasure while his Highness remains our guest. Stacks of things combining utility, comfort and beauty, the useful with the sensible, to make picking easy.

Men's Suits, Ulsters and Overcoats in a complete variety of all the popular styles; \$2 25, \$2 75, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6 50, \$7.50, up to.....\$12.00

Youth's Suits and Overcoats, young growing gentlemen from 14 to 21 years will find here an aggregation of styles to please their growing tastes and purses from \$1.95, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 up to.....\$8.00

Boys' Suits, Reefers, Jackets and Overcoats, A full and complete stock of natty garments in the best values ever offered here at this or any other season, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 up to.....\$ 4.50

GREAT SHOW OF HOLIDAY FURNISHINGS

Select anything you think of in Gloves, Hats, Ties, Underwear, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Braces, Cravats, Scarfs, Mufflers; also Sample Smoking Jackets and House Robes, Boots and Shoes.

EAST OF BENSON HOUSE

A. J. GRAHAM THE KING CLOTHIER.

\$5 00 Saved by Buying Your Suit or Overcoat from GRAHAM During This Sale.

A SPECIAL COURSE

has been arranged for Farmers' sons and daughters at the



Our fees are very reasonable for the course. Write us for particulars.
W. H. PRINSLE, Principal, Peterboro, Ont. Opposite Post Office.

COMMITTEES MEET

Incoming Council Advised to Have Government Audit.

ASSESSORS SPIER & CONNOLLY GET AN INCREASE OF \$25 EACH.

A. Primeau Given \$25 to Call Off an Action for Damages.

Mayor Sootheran and all members were present at the Clerk's office Friday evening, when committee business was taken up.

Board of Works.

Ald. Storer, chairman, read a letter from Stewart & O'Connor, barristers on behalf of Mr. A. Primeau, claiming damages for injuries to his delivery horse, caused by the breaking of a manhole cover at the corner of Cambridge and Bond-sts. On motion Mr. Primeau was heard. He explained that the horse had been idle two weeks as a result, and he had been obliged to hire another animal at a cost of \$1.50 per day, adding the cost of feed, etc., he considered he was entitled to \$35. After some discussion he was offered and accepted the sum of \$25.

In connection with the passing of some accounts Ald. Cinnamon found fault with what he alleged was a careless method of passing them without enquiring into the details closely, and held that nothing should be purchased except on the order of the proper chairman. The other members thought the chairman of Finance was a little late in the day in proposing new rules, and that the effect would be to keep them dawdling along all night over accounts. The following were passed:
Pedlar & Emmerson..... \$ 3.50
Sylvester Mfg. Co..... 44.15
John Lotts..... 3.00

CANTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Atchison.

Anomatic Siphon Co.....	27.00
A. Cullon.....	26.23
P. G. Pilkie.....	6.12
Rathbun Co. (less returned cement, sacks).....	59.75
Township of Ops. bal.....	1.44
Sam Fox tile.....	4.06
McLennan & Co.....	45.13
Boxall & Mathie.....	16.33
A. Cullon.....	94.44
Mr. Jas. Watson's request in connection with the filling up of his lot frontage was allowed to stand.	
Police and Lighting.	
Chairman McCrea presented the account of the Light, Heat & Power Co. for current used in municipal buildings during November, 1751.—Passed.	
Town Property.	
Ald. McWatters, chairman, presented the following claims, which were passed:	
R. Bryans & Co.....	7.50
Kennedy & Davis Co.....	9.57
Jas. Hamilton.....	17.20
R. Kyle.....	19.00
A. Primeau.....	1.25
C. H. Jones.....	5.15
J. C. Mark.....	3.20
Water Commissioners.....	.75
Boxall & Mathie.....	13.85
D. Sinclair.....	32.75
Geo. McFadden.....	2.40
On motion F. Burke was granted permission to erect a billboard on the tower opposite the market.	
Finance and Assessment.	
Chairman Cinnamon presented the following bills for consideration:	
Geo. A. Little.....	\$ 3.10
Kennedy & Davis Co.....	6.00
F. Knowlson, stamps, etc.....	25.00
Hart & Riddell.....	14.00
R. S. Porter.....	34.30
Wilson & Johnson.....	26.50
Clerk Knowlson also presented an account of \$50 for making reports and calculations for 62 granolithic walks during the season. In connection therewith Mayor Sootheran and other members said they understood the increase of salary granted to the Clerk early in the year would cover such work, and it was decided to discuss the matter in Council.	
Mr. W. J. Moore was granted a rebate of \$2.80 personally assessment, he having submitted a declaration that he did not own a team of horses.	
In connection with Dr. Wm. Allen's letter disclaiming liability for taxes on the Foster dwelling, charged against him, Clerk Knowlson was instructed to notify Dr. Blanchard, the present tenant, to pay his rent to the Town Treasurer until further notice.	
From Stewart & O'Connor, on behalf of Archdeacon Casey, claiming that St. Mary's church, St. Joseph's convent and the church lot opposite were not liable for local improvement taxes amounting to \$30.91.—Referred to Town Engineer.	
The request of the W.C.T.U. that their room be exempted from taxation was filed.	
Want Government Audit.	
A communication from Lindsay Federation of Labor Branch, asking Council to arrange for a Government audit of town accounts, was next taken up.	
Mayor Sootheran—“I understand that the Branch sent in a similar request in June, but I don't remember it.”	
Clerk Knowlson—“Not to my	

knowledge; I know this one was registered.”

Ald. O'Reilly—“They told me the same thing.”

Mayor Sootheran—“It's too bad they look action so late—it would take a couple of months. A good audit—one extending back ten or a dozen years—would cost \$600 or \$700. We can pass a resolution recommending the incoming Council to take the matter into their favorable consideration. We'll be out of power in a few weeks and haven't time to do it.”

Ald. McCrea—“What do you think of it?”

Ald. O'Reilly—“I've always been in favor of an audit and think it would be all right to order it.”

Clerk Knowlson, in reply to a question, said that on the occasion of a recent visit the Government auditor had examined a year's accounts and found everything satisfactory. That was his third visit.

Ald. McWatters—“The Labor Union people say they never heard anything about the auditor's visit.”

Ald. Cinnamon—“They say on the street that we do not know where we are at or how the town accounts really stand.”

Moved by Ald. Cinnamon, seconded by Ald. Storer, that this Council recommend the incoming Council for 1904 to arrange for a Government audit of the Corporation accounts.—Carried.

Ald. O'Reilly—“It has been reported about town that a thorough audit would cost \$3000; I don't think the cost would exceed \$500.”

Mayor Sootheran—“My estimate is about \$700.”

Ald. O'Reilly—“Cinnamon went in for a Government audit and a deficit of \$40,000 was discovered.”

Salary of Assessors.

The applications of Assessors Spier and Connolly for an increase of salary were next dealt with.

Mayor Sootheran—“They increased the assessment about \$145,000.”

Ald. O'Reilly—“How much was knocked off at the Court of Revision?”

Ald. McWatters—“I think the increase now stands at \$120,000.”

Ald. McCrea—“The town is no richer—we hate to pay just as much. The assessment of new buildings doesn't represent more than \$40,000. It simply means that the new Council will keep the rate the same, but the people will have to pay more money.”

Mayor Sootheran—“The increase in the assessment will pay our street electric light bill. Property is more valuable than it was.”

Ald. Maund—“Suppose prices go down again?”

Mayor Sootheran—“Ald. O'Reilly moved early in they ear to appoint

an Assessment Commission; it was a good idea and we will have to come to it yet. The assessment ought to be equalized every ten years. At the same time, the assessors are being paid at the rate of 20 years ago, although the town is now much larger, and they worked hard this year. The work took nearly four months.”

Ald. McCrea—“They accepted the job at the old price, and no business man will pay a contractor a bonus in addition.”

Ald. Robinson—“Where will we get the money—the debt is increasing.”

Ald. Maund—“The assessors are not overpaid at \$125 each, but I don't see why we should increase the sum.”

Ald. McWatters—“They know what they were going to get.”

Ald. Robinson—“Ald. O'Reilly put it very plainly when he said that under the present system the poor man is assessed up to the limit.”

Ald. Cinnamon—“The man who puts up a \$5,000 house should not be assessed up to its full value; a town of houses worth only \$500 each would be a poor one—in appearance at any rate.”

Ald. McCrea—“The 70 appeals heard at the last Court of Revision were all put in by poor men, showing where the assessors have been at work. If the well-to-do people were over-assessed they would have appealed also.”

On motion of Messrs. Maund and McCrea, the assessors were granted an increase of \$25 each.

The Butchers' By-law.

The long-neglected butchers' by-law came in for some discussion.

Ald. Cinnamon—“A couple of butchers told me to-day that if we passed it they would pay the costs.”

Clerk Knowlson—“Mr. Geo. Calvert sent in a communication to-day to the same effect.”

Mayor Sootheran—“I don't know people hold that we would be putting a monopoly in the hands of these men. Many have come to me saying that the price of steak is now 15c, and that it will be raised to 20c if we pass the by-law.”

Ald. McCrea—“No license at all—free trade—is the right thing. Meat is 2c a pound cheaper all around in Peterboro.”

Ald. Robinson—“Yes, and live stock hasn't been cheaper in years than it is at present.”

Mayor Sootheran—“The grocers complain that the butchers didn't adhere to their agreement to give up the sale of butter, eggs, canned goods, etc.”

No decision was arrived at, and the committee adjourned after voting \$6 to each of the assessors for attending the Court of Revision.

STAMPS OUT A BOYCOTT.

Catholic Priest Throws Down the Gauntlet at Peekskill.
(Utica Saturday Blade.)

One of the interesting events of the week is the action of Father James E. Curran, pastor of the Church of Assumption, Peekskill, N. Y., in taking the part of an editor, Thomas Pendell, against whom the politicians of that place had instituted a boycott because in his paper he had exposed municipal corruption after six other papers had declined to do so.

The indignation of Father Curran was aroused, and in his address Sunday he proclaimed:

“I am uncompromisingly opposed to the boycott in this country and my sympathies are with Mr. Pendell. I hereby devote one-half of my salary as pastor to Thomas Pendell. I do this in the name of fair play, of common decency and a common manhood. I am a Protestant and I am a priest of the Catholic church, but we are brother Americans, and I fight at his side. As the editor of a weekly newspaper he has offended the low political ringsters of Peekskill and they have determined to run him out of town. But they shall not triumph. Pendell shall stay right here. He has no fear of the political corruption, and I do not know whether his charges are true or false, but I believe them to be true. He would have been in jail weeks ago. His enemies have gone to his advertisers and compelled withdrawal of their patronage. Now listen to my campaign.”

“I shall read Mr. Pendell's paper every week. I will buy my shoes from the shoe dealer who advertises in its columns and from no one else. I shall buy my bread, my groceries, my clothes, my books, on the same plan. Now, I cannot command you to do likewise, but I hope and pray that you will.”

“This young man Pendell with his wife and children shall not be ruined. He is a true blue American, with a clean mind and a big, honest heart. Half of my salary for this year is his.”

This breezy announcement created a sensation among the 1,500 persons in the congregation and had its effect. The next day Pendell was besieged on his way to open his office by merchants offering him advertising and capitalists tendering him financial assistance. The paper will have to be enlarged to meet the demands made upon it by the attitude of the priest. Already the boycott has fallen through owing to Father Curran's pronouncement, which has made him the most popular personage in the city.

Stationery.

When in need of anything in the line of commercial stationery, visiting cards, etc., leave your order at The Post job department, Workmanship unexcelled.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

\$5 REWARD—A Steward of \$5 will be paid to any person giving information that will lead to the conviction of any person selling liquor in the County of Victoria otherwise than according to the law as laid down in the Liquor License Act. The address of the sender will be treated with confidence and the information will be acted on promptly. JOHN SHORT, License Inspector, Box 473, Lindsay.

NOT FAKES nor Fads but Household Needs, used everyday by everybody. Can't sell them? Others do and make fortunes. Still room. Write at once to G. MARSHALL & CO., London, Ont.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

Communications, Accounts and Circulation for Past Month.

A regular meeting of the Public Library Board was held Monday night in the Council chamber. Those present were Judge Harding, chairman; Messrs. R. M. Beal, F. D. Moore, A. P. Devlin and E. A. Hardy. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications.

From Messrs. Chas. Robertson & Co., Toronto, soliciting the sale of valuable works entitled “Rare Cartoons of Canadian History.”

From the Minister of Education, stating that the Government grant to the Lindsay Library would be \$165.10.

From Mr. John Miller, Deputy Minister of Education, reporting on the new Carnegie Library building and books in the Lindsay Library.

On motion he above communications were filed.

Accounts Passed.

The following accounts were presented and recommended for payment: Lindsay Water Commissioners, \$7.33; Watchman-Warder, \$5; Miss Considine, 49 cents; Collier & Co., \$7; Light, Heat & Power Co., \$38.49; R. S. Porter, \$28.66; Wm. Briggs, \$16.38; Librarian, for having rooms cleaned, \$5.45; Book Supply Co., \$18.50.

Librarian's Report.

On motion the above communication by Mr. Beal, the Librarian's report for the month of November was adopted. Following is the report:

Circulation in Detail—History 70, Biography 26, Voyages and Travels 62, General Literature 46, Juveniles; Boys 257, Girls 45, Little Ones 79, Bound Periodicals 87, Poetry 40, Religion 3, Science 58, Miscellaneous 19, Works of Reference 3, Fiction 775. Total circulation for month 1570; new tickets issued during month, 25; borrowers to end of month, 1535; receipts for month: new tickets, \$1.25; catalogues, 11c., fines 20c.; total \$1.50.

The meeting then adjourned.

All-Star Cabinet.

Montreal Herald, How dare Sir Richard Cartwright refer to the Con. leaders as “mediocres” when there is such an all-star combination as this: Tarte, Borden, Hughes, Gage, Mork, Gouley. There is a selection of timber for the construction of a Cabinet that couldn't be equalled in a thousand years.



CHRISTMAS

and Presentation Time is coming, and my store is filled with suitable gifts, such as

Ladies' and Gent's Leather Toilet Sets.

Hand Mirrors

Plain and Ebony Hair Brushes.

Photo Albums.

Purses, Pocket Books, Wallets.

Viollins, Accordions, Banjos.

Guitars, Mouth Organs.

Dolls, Toys, Sleighs.

Baby Cutters.

Doll Carriages and Beds.

Plain and Silver Mounted Walking Canes.

Pipes in Fancy Cases.

Meerschmum Pipes.

Tobacco Pouches.

Tobacco Jars.

Tins of Tobacco.

Plug Tobacco.

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KENT STREET.

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