

The Planet.

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A FOOL'S PARADISE.

Ald. Austin's warning statement at last night's City Council session that Chatham was living in a fool's paradise regarding the cost, operation and equipment of its electric light plant, was pretty clearly evidenced by the very imperfect and faulty report of the engineer as submitted by Ald. Westman, chairman of the Property committee, and the resultant discussion with its somewhat startling disclosures.

It would have been much wiser, in our opinion, in view of these developments, had the Council acted upon the suggestion of the Mayor—backed by Ald. O'Keefe and Austin—and referred the whole matter back for fuller and more authentic information ere any action was taken.

What are the facts as the public know them? One of the most wretchedly inadequate, irregular and unsatisfactory lighting services has been Chatham's portion for some time past. Every night a large tract in utter darkness, with its attendant dangers and inconveniences—and all the time the people paying for the light they do not get. A short time ago it was reported that the purchase of a new dynamo would remedy all existing evils and put the plant in first class shape. The purchase was made by the Council and some \$1,500 expended from the civic treasury. But matters did not improve and darkness still covered the earth.

Now we are told that another new dynamo is a necessity—and last evening the majority of the Council voted for its purchase and the further expenditure of \$2,000 to put the plant "in good condition." But the discussion revealed the fact that, in the event of some rewinding experiments by Engineer Jones proving unsuccessful, still another new dynamo will be needed! More than that, the Mayor brought out the fact that the engine had not sufficient power, nor the boiler sufficient capacity, to give the city 15 to 20 more lights even with all the new dynamo. Was his worship not right in characterizing Ald. Westman's proposals as "a policy of patchwork?"

The other day Chatham was visited by an expert engineer, representing the Power Commission of the Provincial Government, and securing estimates. With some of the civic representatives he was taken to our electric light plant. Do the aldermen remember asking his opinion thereon? Do they remember the response—plain, outspoken, and unequivocal? Is this state of affairs always to continue?

The Planet is a believer in the policy of municipal ownership where practical and profitable, but it was a good thing to get an honest, straight, businesslike estimate of the cost of the civic lighting from Mr. P. S. Coate last night. It will set the people to doing some thinking—and possibly the Council to doing some acting. Equally true is it that the report submitted by Engineer Jones and Ald. Westman was not, by any means, an accurate or complete one. The department should be honest with themselves. They should be yet asked for further and fuller facts. The people want these facts—the full facts. They are not content to live longer in a "fool's paradise"—and a dark one, at that.

The Letter-Box

TO RESCIND MOTION.

Chatham, Ont., Oct. 9th, 1905.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—As a number of your readers are interested in the proposed Board of Education matter I enclose you copies of the letters received on the question.

As the main object of introducing the question was to secure direct representation of all Trustees from the city by general vote, this question can afford to wait until the position of the county is more clearly defined, as we do not wish to court litigation with the county. Besides, I think it would be unfair to ask the county to contribute to maintenance unless they had representation on the Board. In view of these facts I purpose at the next regular meeting of the Council making a motion to rescind the resolution passed at our last regular session.

Yours respectfully,
C. AUSTIN.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 25th, 1905.
Dear Sir:—
I am directed by the Minister of Education to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., and to state that the High School would not financially suffer by the change in the composition of the Board as the

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county would still be liable for its share as before.

Your obedient servant,

J. O. MILLAR,

Deputy Minister.

To Chas. Austin, Esq., Alderman City Council, Chatham, Ont.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 7th, 1905.

Dear Sir:—
It was not intended that where advantage was taken of the provisions of the Bill passed in 1904, the High School should suffer financially, so far as the payment from the county is concerned. It is possible, however, that section 13 (5) of the High School Act might be taken as a technical objection by the members of the County Council, and, therefore, a grant might be refused. This point has been raised in several quarters, and as the law stands it would be difficult to state how the courts would decide in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. PYNE,

Minister of Education.

Chas. Austin, Esq., Alderman, Chatham, Ont.

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Counsel—You mean a second one.
Prosecutor—No, sir. I landed him the second one.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Guns and Ammunition at Brigeon's. F. Mayhew, of Ridgeway, is spending the day in the city.

Herb, Dennis, of Tilbury, spent Sunday at his home here.

W. D. Leary, of Wallaceburg, spent Saturday in town.

John E. Gibb, of Wallaceburg, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

Frank Dennis, of the Standard Bank staff, Blenheim, spent Sunday with his parents in this city.

An information has been laid against a number of parties who destroyed some tile on Sheldon Ave.

Wanted, a bright young man about seventeen years of age, having a Collegiate Institute training. Apply at this office.

Mr. Chant, Emma St., passed away on Saturday. The remains were removed to Michigan for burial.

A meeting of the Christ Church Vestry, has been called for Thursday night to consider the matter of a new heating system for the church.

We don't know—any more than you do—the name and address of the man who will buy that house of yours; but if he lives in this city he reads the real estate advertisements in this newspaper.

Julius Perrot, an employe in Geo. Stephens' hardware store, was taken suddenly ill on Saturday with tonsillitis.

For sale by tender—Tenders will be received for the purchase of the brick house just west of Cherry's grocery, King street east, formerly Henry Smyth's; also for fine lot on east King street, just 50 feet east of Duke street, having a frontage of 52 feet, and running back to Creek, until 20th October. Some one will get a bargain in these properties. Why not you? Address S. Barfoot.

W. P. Shillington, of Wm. Gray & Sons Co., left last evening on a business trip to points east.

The usual opportunity will be given hunters during the present month to go after big game in the northern part of Ontario and we are advised by Mr. W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Grand Trunk Railway, that he will sell, commencing October 10th, to all points, Mattawa to Port Arthur inclusive, and to all other points, commencing October 26th, return tickets at single fare, good to return until December 9th.

Perman Mike O'Mara and his men are putting down a 10-inch water main on Park St., from William to Centre St.

SOME SEASONABLE ADVICE.

It may be a case of superfluous advice to urge people at this season of the year to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before winter is over, and much more prompt and satisfactory results are obtained when taken as soon as a cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system, which can only be done by keeping the remedy at hand. This remedy is so widely known and so altogether good that no one should hesitate about buying it in preference to any other. It is for sale by all druggists.

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Ever since the great Toronto fire of April, 1904, the fact that millions of dollars of Canadian fire insurance is being carried by companies not licensed to do business in Canada, has been the subject of considerable comment both in Parliament and in the commercial circles, and it was assured that sooner or later the need for a strong Canadian company of sufficient capital to meet this keen competition from the other side would be supplied. The new company is capitalized at two million dollars, and when it is known that a great many manufacturers and business men in this country have unwillingly placed their insurance in foreign companies because of the conditions at home, it will be seen that this new "baby giant" in the insurance world begins its career with practical certainty of success.

Mr. Addison H. Hooper, President and Managing Director of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company, and to whom a great amount of the tremendous success of that organization is attributed, has been secured by the Provisional Directors of the Sovereign Fire Assurance Company of Canada, and will devote considerable attention, it is said, to the preliminary organization of the new corporation.

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POTATO ROT.

By Prof. Harrison.

The November, 1904, crop bulletin of the Ontario Bureau of Industries stated that considerable rot had appeared on potatoes, especially where the crop was grown on heavy soils or on low lying land. The extent of the loss was variously estimated at from 20 to 50 per cent. This "soft" or "wet" rot is quite distinct from the so-called "Blight," at first sight most of the potatoes appear to be sound, but on examination the skin over certain areas is found to be discolored and on pressure the part beneath is soft. On breaking the skin, a turbid liquid can be easily pressed out. This liquid may contain gas bubbles and turns black on exposure to air. The skin from affected parts easily peels away and the newly exposed flesh is watery and white but soon discolors in the air, becoming almost black. Later, the flesh softens to a white, watery pulp and becomes highly offensive, with a putrefactive odor. Finally, the potato becomes a mass of black soft pulp.

The stems of the potatoes may or may not be affected, in the former case the base of the stems becomes discolored and black, then the leaves above wilt and the entire stem falls over. If a piece of diseased stem is cut open, the fibrous strands in it (the fibrovascular bundles) will be found brown to black in color.

The cause of the "Blight" which particularly affects the leaves, is a fungus and the Bordeaux mixture properly made and applied will hold this disease in check, but the wet or soft rot cannot be managed by spraying with this mixture, because the disease is present in the roots and tubers and hence cannot be got at. The cause of the "rot" disease is a bacterium, a minute rod about 1-20,000 of an inch long, which grows with great rapidity in the tissues of the potato and secretes a substance which has a dissolving action on the cell walls which hold the starch and other contents of the cell in place; when these cell walls are destroyed the potato becomes watery and soft, putrefaction sets in and the tuber is destroyed.

The Bacteriological Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, which has been studying the disease for the last year, would like to ascertain if the disease in various parts of Ontario is similar to the one with which it has been working, and which caused so much damage last year, and hence would like farmers troubled with this disease to mail an affected potato and state at the same time if they were troubled with the soft or wet rot last year and to what extent the rot is present in the present season's crop.

OROTON.

Miss Ethel Johnson, of Dresden, is visiting at her sister's, Mrs. Richard Smay.

Mrs. J. R. Cragg has purchased a new buggy.

Geo. Walkinghood has bought a new driver.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer is holding prayer meetings every Thursday night in the Methodist church.

A number from here attended Chatham Fair Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Leach and brother, from Northwood, visited in this vicinity last Sunday.

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