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## January Sale Prices —IN OUR— Staple Department

The backbone of our store is the Staple Department; here especially we aim to give you the very best values to be had in the trade. Prior to our stock taking the end of this month we are offering great inducements to reduce our stock of staples. Tempting prices all along the line. Come and see

<b>SHEETINGS</b> Bleached Sheet, 2 1/2 yards wide, full round even thread, extra quality at the regular price, 30c a yard, on sale very special at 24c Unbleached Sheet, 2 yards wide, good weight and even finish, extra value at 25c a yard, on sale, special, 19c	<b>TOWELS</b> Extra large brown Turkish bath towels, fringed and bordered with red stripes, size 40 in. long, 20 in. wide, good value at 20c each, on sale special at 12 1/2c Huck Towels for bedroom use, fine finish, bordered and fringed, 20 in. wide, 40 in. long, very special at each 12 1/2c
<b>TOWELLINGS</b> Dark Linen Oatmeal Crash, good for roller towels, regular value 8c a yard, on sale very special at 5c Extra heavy fine Pure Linen Crash Roller Toweling, regular value 12 1/2c a yard, on sale very special at 10c	<b>NAPKINS</b> Bleached damask linen Napkins, assorted patterns in both tea and dinner size, regular price 1.50 a dozen, on sale very special \$1.29
<b>SHAKERS</b> 10 pcs. extra heavy fine soft wash Shaker Flannels in dark grey checks and stripes, regular price 10c a yard, on sale very special at 7c	<b>BED SPREADS</b> Double bed size fine soft finish white honey comb Bed Spreads, regular value \$1.35 each, on sale special at \$1.13 Double bed size Marseilles Spreads in handsome designs, fine finish, regular price \$2.25 each, on sale special \$1.65
<b>CAMBRICS</b> Yard wide extra fine pure Bleached Cambric for fine sewing, regular price 12 1/2c a yard, on sale very special at 10c	<b>UNDERWEAR SPECIALS</b> Men's fine fleece lined, union and all-wool undershirts and drawers, on sale at these reductions: 50c Underwear for 46c 75c Underwear for 68c \$1.00 Underwear for 89c

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## MAYOR'S STIRRING INAUGURAL SUBMITTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray Opens New Year With Earnest Prayer—Civic Committee Appointed According to The Planet's Slate—Adjourn Till Evening

The City Council for 1906 duly inaugurated the business of the year this morning.

His worship Mayor Marshall asked Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, M. A., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, to open the proceedings with prayer for divine blessing on the year's work, and the aldermen rose during the earnest prayer.

Ex-Mayor Geo. W. Cowan was invited to the platform and accepted, amid applause.

There was a liberal attendance of the citizens, who took a lively interest in the proceedings.

The aldermen were seated as follows from the left:—Ald. Austin, Seallard, Stone, Bensen, Edmondson, Radley, Massey, Potter and Thompson.

The minutes of the last meeting of the old Council were read by City Clerk Merritt and approved.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.  
His worship Mayor Marshall delivered the following inaugural:—

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 8, 1906.  
To the City Council,

City of Chatham, for the year 1906.

Gentlemen, I congratulate you upon your election to the honorable positions of aldermen of the city of Chatham for the year 1906. I congratulate the old members for the renewal of the further trust and confidence which the electors have placed in you, showing that your actions and municipal careers in the past has met with the approval of the electors in general, and that they are willing to still further trust you with the management of their important civic affairs.

I congratulate the new members who have been elected for the first term, showing that the ratepayers have every confidence in your ability to successfully transact and handle the parliamentary machinery of our municipality with credit to yourselves and the city in general, to the older and tried members as well as to the newly elected, I know that you must not consider that because you have been newly elected, that because by substantial votes of the electorate you have attained the honorable positions you now occupy, that this is all that is required of you; remember that you have now become the to-be-criticized, and not the critics, the eyes of the public are upon you, they expect you to do well and ably look after their municipal governmental affairs as good true, upright and faithful servants, and I trust and well know that you will one and all do this, not lending yourselves to any faction, party or clique of any nature whatsoever, that you will all put your shoulders to the wheel and work for the interests of this fair city of ours in peace and harmony, without prejudice to your colleagues or any individual or set of individuals, but that you will work for the common weal and advancement of this, one of the fairest, if not the fairest city to be found within the borders of our beloved Dominion.

It is not necessary for me to say to you that we have the most progressive city for its size that is in Canada to-day. It is not necessary for me to point out to you the great unprecedented strides that we have made during the past few years. It is not necessary for me to advise you that we have many miles of pavement, many miles of sewers, many miles of granite sidewalks, that we have many of the best and most noted industries in our midst that can be found in Canada to-day from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, that we are surrounded by a rich agricultural country, that our people are progressive and up-to-date, you know this as well as I, and it remains for each individual alderman to still keep in mind the fact that we must still progress; we cannot stand still, so long as we can do so on a safe business-like basis, keeping in mind the fact that economy in all branches of the civic department is our watchword, and that each and every dollar that is expended is spent where it will count and that the expenditure is justifiable and in the interests of the general public.

Undoubtedly we will have a busy year, although a great deal has been accomplished in the past there is still a great deal to be accomplished, and the citizens who elected you are now looking towards you to assist in the carrying out of such accomplishments safely, economically and well. Everything that has previously been commenced or that may be commenced during the present year.

To the Finance committee I may say that you have a very strong, intelligent and capable body of committee men and a great deal of responsibility rests upon you to look after the financial department, see that all officials of trust look carefully after their various departments, that such officials from whom it is necessary to require bonds are properly bonded, and have a proper financial statement of the expendi-

tures of each month submitted to the Council monthly, along with a statement of the expenditures of the corresponding months of last year for the matter of comparison, because it largely depends upon you to keep a check on the other committees as to what moneys are being expended in order that we may keep as low a tax rate as is consistent with good management and economy. For the year 1905 we had a comparatively low tax rate, but it must be borne in mind that although our assessment for 1905 was upwards of \$700,000, or an increase over the previous year, this was materially assisting in having a fairly low rate, you must remember that the sum of \$17,600 was received from the Pere Marquette Railway Company by way of a settlement because of the non-establishment of car shops in the city as per an agreement with the Erie & Huron Railway Company, whereby because of the fact that the city granted a large bonus to the building of a railway company for the building of their line through the city of Chatham, at which time a part of the agreement under which they obtained the bonus was that they were to establish workshops here, and because of the removal of the shops from Chatham, the Pere Marquette Company who had amalgamated with and taken under their control the bonused railway, paid over to this city under pressure the above mentioned sum because of the removal of the old workshops from the city, and which sum was used by the city for the last year in order to give the citizens a low tax rate, it must be remembered that we have no windfalls of this kind to fall back upon for the year 1906, therefore in order to keep our tax rate down to normal condition it is imperative that the most rigid economy is practiced, and it is your duty to call attention to the other spending committees that this most rigid economy is kept strictly in mind, that the lower our tax rate the better it will be for the city's increase towards progression, because as a general rule new comers will ask what is your tax rate, and too high a rate has a tendency to keep people from establishing either their business or their homes with us if we have an exorbitant rate. We have quite a number of local improvements and other debentures for sale, and we must not impair the city's liability or credit by selling beyond our means, and I advise you to see that whatever debentures we have for sale are gotten ready at as early a date as possible. Watch the money markets and be ready to sell at the most opportune time and at the best possible price. I further advise you to be careful as to litigation a great deal of money has been uselessly squandered in the past over expensive law suits and nothing has been gained, therefore proceed with suits of any description unless you well know that we are on the winning side.

To the Board of Works—I may say that you have an active, progressive committee, you have one old and steady chairman as your chairman, and with the assistance of the new members you should be able, and I know you will be able, to make a number of radical changes that are absolutely necessary in the management of the largest expending committee of which our Council is composed. During the last year in fact during a number of the past years, it has occurred to many aldermen and to many of the largest and wealthiest ratepayers that there has been a number of weak points in connection with your department, and I strongly advise you to at once get together and devise ways and means whereby the weak points may be gotten over and new and strong points substituted. I may more particularly call your attention to the fact that numerous complaints have been made by several, in fact many ratepayers, as to the management of the inspection of the local improvement work, more particularly sewers and pavements, and such complaints have not been made without just cause, more particularly I may refer to the inspection of sewers. In many cases an inspector is appointed over a small job on which only two or three men are sometimes at work, thus increasing the cost of inspection and the cost of the sewers to the individual ratepayer, in many cases the cost of inspection costing an altogether too large an amount when taking into consideration the contract price and cost of the sewer. This matter should be carefully looked into and a more proper and up-to-date method of inspection must be arrived at and put into practice, and it devolves upon you to see that the change is made on this very important subject or branch of the work. Another complaint that is frequently made is the matter of appointment of pavement inspectors. During the last few years when a pavement demands an inspector some citizens who may not be at all capable of undertaking an inspectorate goes out with a petition to the ratepayers on the street and gets a petition signed by his neighbors who do not wish to refuse to sign such petition. It is then presented to the Council, and is generally acted upon frequently

without any consideration as to the inspector's qualifications, and frequently the party not understanding the nature of the work in any particular, is not a competent man by any means. This frequently causes an endless amount of trouble, and many of the complaints that have been made with just cause as to inspection is because of this promiscuous appointment of non-qualified inspectors, thus causing the ratepayers, the Council, in fact all parties having any connection with such work annoyance, dissatisfaction and poor work. I therefore advise the Board to see that none but the most qualified and up-to-date inspectors are appointed on all public works, men who will without fear or prejudice see that none but the best of materials and the best of work is done according to plans and specifications, thus insuring good work and the proper value for the money expended.

I further advise you to see that a more up-to-date inspection is made of sewer connections. Numerous complaints come into the Council of had connections being made. See to it that this branch of the work is more carefully looked into, because it is indeed a very important one. Bad work means loss of money to the ratepayers, and still further a menace to the health of the citizens. Look carefully after this branch of the work; see that a responsible working official is appointed; one who thoroughly understands this branch of the work, then in case of responsibility as to bad work it will more easily be possible to place the blame where blamable.

I further advise you that it is imperative that you exercise the most careful, rigid economy on all works you may undertake, because by the practice of such economy is the only way in which you can keep expenditures within the safe bounds of the taxable means of the ratepayers. I further call your attention to the fact that as we now have eight and one-half miles of good pavements it is not necessary to unnecessarily crowd new pavements down. Our local improvement debt has now reached a very large sum and a halt should be called or we will be beyond the shadow of a doubt impair the city's credit. Do not undertake new pavements unless at least over one-half of the ratepayers desire such pavement and unless such work is absolutely necessary, and if possible do not undertake initiative proceedings unless absolutely necessary. We have been during the last

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## DROPPED DEAD

Sudden Demise of Miss Lee, Esteemed Teacher at Muirkirk

A very sudden death occurred at Muirkirk last evening, when Miss Lee, the 22-year-old daughter of Thos. Lee, succumbed at the church door from apoplexy.

The deceased young lady was the teacher of the Muirkirk school. She experienced no illness and attended Sunday school as usual yesterday, teaching the Bible class. She also attended service last evening, and it was just after dismissal at the church door when death suddenly came.

The deceased was most highly esteemed and the bereaved family have much sympathy.

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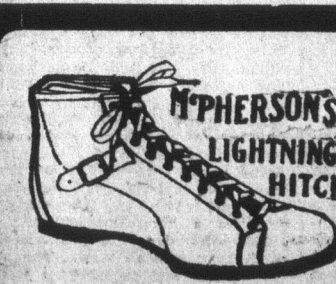
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