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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.
A SERIOUS MATTER.

The report of the Government auditor, Mr. F. H. Macpherson, on the city's finances confronts the Council with a matter of serious import. By it the fact is disclosed that instead of having a surplus of some \$13,000 as was supposed the city is confronted with a deficit of nearly \$50,000.

A week ago The Planet predicted some such discovery by the report and the interest naturally developed thereby on the part of the ratepayers demands the publication of the report in full for their perusal.

The causes of the present condition of affairs must be carefully looked into. If there has been carelessness or incompetency in the care of the books or the keeping of the accounts—as the auditor indicates—it must be fearlessly and promptly attended to, and a proper and businesslike system at once inaugurated and adopted. It has proven too expensive an experiment to neglect these matters.

The legacy of overdrafts left by the various Councils in the past must also be regarded as a definite warning and mandate for the future.

Would it not be wiser and cheaper for the city to inaugurate a thoroughly up-to-date and businesslike system of civic bookkeeping and to pay for the services of an accomplished and skilled accountant to handle its finances?

There is little use crying over spilt milk—but it is eminently practical and sagacious to avoid a repetition of the accident. What the proper course of the Council now is must be a matter of most serious consideration and deliberation, but there can be no question as to the necessity of taking prompt steps to prevent any future regretful disclosures and conditions of this kind.

One thing is assured. The Council acted wisely and well in securing an official Government audit.

JUDGES IN POLITICS

Whatever party politicians may say, Muskoka illustrates the wisdom of dragging judges into politics. If Gagey had been beaten in a committee of the legislature the result would have been attributed simply to party feeling. He was forced to take his case before a tribunal composed of a chancellor and a chief justice of Ontario. When these dignitaries decided against him, they were marked out as his political opponents. The more fallible, the more human Mr. Gagey was the stronger would be his desire to beat the judges, who had been marked out as his enemies by the Ross government.

The advantage Mr. Gagey possesses is that he is in politics for life, while Messrs. Boyd and Falconbridge were in the field only as long as it suited the purposes of the Ross government. As a politician, Mr. Gagey chose to make his fight in Muskoka, and he beat not only the government, but the judges who decided against him. Even if the vote should be virtually equal, he would win a victory.

A judicial deliverance should be decisive, silencing or converting even the defeated party. It is clear that this object has not been achieved in Muskoka. The report of the judges is treated with no more respect than the report of a committee of the legislature. The report is submitted to the people of Muskoka. Mr. Gagey, as a member of the legislature, is perfectly free to work and speak in the constituency. Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge could not do so without impairing their reputation as impartial jurists. There could surely be no more powerful argument against referring political cases to judges. It may be convenient for politicians to shift their responsibilities in that way. But it is surely rather hard on the judges. — Toronto World.

SHAKESPEARE IMPROVED ON.

Toronto Saturday Night.

The quality of arbitration is twice blessed; it blesseth England that gives and Uncle Sam that takes.

AGAINST PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

Montreal Star.

It is plain to be seen that Lord Alverstone is against any "preference" for the colonies.

SOCIETY NOTE.

Madison (Wis.) State Journal.
Greenbush is to have another dance hall. The old soap factory is to be remodelled and put in shape for social hops. The opening part will be given Saturday evening. As one of the boys said jokingly this morning, the floor at that time will be well greased with soap and in fine condition for dancing.

CLEVER "LIFT"

Pick-Pockets Relieved Trouble of His Watch—Recovered by Detective Skirving.

A young man named Bell, living at London, had rather an unpleasant experience with a couple of pick-pockets in the Lake Erie while on his way from St. Thomas to London.

A number of fakirs had been attending the Belmont fair and were on their way back to London. Two of these fakirs got into conversation with Bell and one of them claimed to know his father well.

"Why, don't you know me?" he said to Bell. "I used to be around your house a lot and I remember you well."

Bell was interested at once, and as he did not wish to appear discourteous to an old friend he attempted to keep up an interesting conversation.

While he was so engaged the second fakir was getting busy with Bell's watch and substituted a dummy for it. The change was very cleverly made and Bell did not notice the trick until he arrived in London, and he reported it immediately to the police.

The matter came to Lake Erie Detective Skirving's attention, who got drift of the pickpocket, and as a result of a little bluffing the good watch was sent to him from the fakir, who, at that time, was at Sarnia.

He forwarded it on to Bell in London and in return received the dummy. Mr. Skirving says he has no use for the dummy and if the pickpocket, who is a man about 56 years of age, will call on him he can get his property.

THE MAYOR'S VIEW

"The official audit of the affairs of the city of Chatham was a good move, as the report showed," remarked His Worship Mayor McKeough. "I had an idea that there was a deficit, but I had no idea that it was as large as it was. The late E. W. Scane discovered that there was a floating debt at the time he was chairman of Finance and so reported to the Council. The official audit was practically a stocktaking of the city's assets and we now know where we stand."

"In reference to that floating debt of nearly \$50,000, I think we will have to let the ratepayers vote on the matter at the January elections so that the Council can secure power to issue debentures. There will also have to be special legislation before these debentures can be issued. The sums which make up this indebtedness should have been paid each year. The amount is made up chiefly from deficits left by each Council. No Council since the debenture debt was consolidated has paid its way with the exception of the Council of 1897. They wouldn't have been an exception had it not been for the \$15,000 surplus which they received from the consolidated debenture fund."

"There are many suggestions in the report which the city will profit by adopting, and the official audit will mean the saving of thousands of dollars for the city."

DISTRICT DOINGS.

Oct. 29.—Dr. and Mrs. W. Wiley and children returned from their visit to Windsor on Tuesday afternoon.

E. E. Boulton was a Wallaceburg visitor on Tuesday.

Ezra Burr spent Tuesday in town. Chas. Goodall, of Chatham, represented F. H. Briscoe at the Opera House last night.

Gillis-Burns—At the Presbyterian manse in Chatham, yesterday at 10.30 a. m., our townsman, Angus Gillis, was united in marriage to Mary Ann Burns, eldest daughter of Thomas Burns, concession 6, Dawn. The happy couple returned to Dresden last night and will take up their residence on St. George street.

Mrs. Catherine Fleming, one of the oldest residents of Dawn Township, died on Tuesday last. The funeral was held to-day at one o'clock, the remains being interred in the Dresden cemetery. Mrs. John Robinson, of Dresden, is one of the surviving children.

Whitney Bros. quartette and reader gave the third number of the Lyceum Course at the Grand last night to a crowded house. This was the second appearance in Dresden of these talented entertainers, and they but added to their already good reputation by last night's fine entertainment. Should this company ever visit Dresden in the future they will be assured of a better reception than ever.

The census section of the sugar factory commenced operations last night. The campaign will start in earnest on Tuesday next when the first bush of this year's crop will be put through the slicer. The new pulp drier which was erected this year was tested (this week and found to be satisfactory in every respect.

L. V. Peters' little pacer, Master Roy, arrived home last night. He finished the season at Newark, O., where he won first in the 213 pace and second in the free for all.

Captain Ribble will have a sale of his household effects on Saturday, October 31st.

Henry Brewster shipped his drilling outfit to Middlemarsh yesterday, where he will put down a couple of deep wells for the L. E. & J. R. R. Miss Eva Campbell and Miss Maggie Lapp, of Rutherford, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Maquire.

TILBURY

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Mrs. Mills has returned from a visit with relatives at Wheatley. Chas. Johnson left this week on a hunting trip to Muskoka.

THAMESVILLE

Oct. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Porter left to-day to spend a week with friends at Wardville.

Mrs. Fred Lindley and family, of Chatham, are visiting her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson are visiting friends in town. A number of ladies met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Duncan to organize an Art Culture Club. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Duncan; Vice President, Miss Walker; Secretary, Miss Smith. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th, at Mrs. Best's residence.

The Grand Trunk official car "St. Lawrence" passed through here to-day.

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The Ladies Assisting Society held their regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Rispin on Monday with twenty-four members present. Hugh Malcolmson and S. F. Gardiner were also present at the meeting.

Mr. Malcolmson addressed the ladies in reference to the new building to the hospital and explained the kind the Board had decided was necessary. The new building will be entirely separate from the present one but connected to it by a hall enclosed in glass. It cannot be commenced this fall owing to the lateness of the season, but preparations will be made for the spring.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who assisted in the recent concert. Special mention was made of Messrs. W. W. Scane, Gray, Rispin, Austin, Stone, McDonald and Tilt.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to Miss Kennedy, lady superintendent of the hospital, for her grand work during the past year.

The number of patients admitted during September was 50, discharged 40, births 9, highest number in one day 47, lowest 29, average 39. Patients at present 46.

The meeting then adjourned and will next meet at the home of Mrs. Duncan, King street.

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Wallaceburg.....	"	"	"
Sarnia.....	"	"	"

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