The Chatham Daily Planet.

Waddell, Mounteer, Marshall, Thom-son, McCoig and Cowan attended the

last regular meeting of the Council of 1902, which was held last night.

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Requests to trim trees were received from Mrs. Christie, Victoria avenue; Peter Banke, St. Clair street; C. J. Poile, Selkirk street; trustees of McKeough school, and Matthew Magtin. These requests were referred to the Chief of Police.

The Good Roads and Local Improvement Co., Hamilton, wrote wanting \$165 for the screet sweeper which

\$165 for the street sweeper which the Council decided to give a trial

Ald. Mounteer said that the City Engineer had not yet had an oppor-tunity to test the machine, so the communication was referred to the

On motion the account of J. C.

Weir, \$26, for cherical work in the City Engineer's office was ordered

City Engineer Jones wrote suggesting that Mr. Weir be paid \$2

per week for doing clerical work in the office of the City Engineer. The latter was out of his office a considerable portion of the time and it was necessary to have

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CHATHAM, ONT., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1902.

FUEL COMMITTEE PRESENT

Deficit is \$11-Lake Erie Promise to Repair Head Street-Ald.

McCoig's Financial Statement-Council Has Worked

Within the Estimates and There

Mayor Suhman and Ald. Taylor, Vaddell, Mounteer, Marshall, Thom-m McCoir and Cowan attended the

was no Deficit.

THEIR FINANCIAL REPORT

tee, reported that the total expenditure had been \$581.59, and the total receipts \$569.94, leaving a deficit of \$11. A blanket order from the Ladics of the Home for all the wood left in the city woodyard was attached to

Henry Robinson resigned as deputy returning officer at polling sub-division No. 7 and Arthur Richard-

ciated the order which the Mayor

Ald, Marshall tendered the manim

aldermen to overstep bounds.

get a better Mayor.

vacate.—Carried.

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For The Last Day of 1902.

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To wind up the biggest month's business in our long history we give you an extra attractive bargain list for to-morrow. Note it carefully, there are sure to be many saving chances in it for you on goods for your immediate need

Imported English Shaker Flannels extra heavy weight, neat pretty stripes, for shirtings or ladies wear fast colors, regular price 12½c a yd. on sale to-moarow for

60 in. wide guaranteed pure linen un-bleached tabling, our own direct Bel-fast importation, special value at our regular price 50c a yd, on sale

50 Carpet ends, nearly all of them 11/2 yards long, good designs and excellent quality tapestry carpets, just the thing for low priced rugs, on sale Wed. at per end 50c, 60c, 70c

Ladies' fine wool ribbed undervests, nicely trimmed and well made, regular price 75c each, on sale Wednes-

Black mercerized sateen, good weight and extas fine glossy finish, suitable for skirts, linings, etc, regular value 20c a yard on sale Wednesday for 15c Lace Curtains 31 yards long in neat lacy designs, extra value at regular price \$1.00 a pair, on sale Wednes. day for a pair

56 in. all wool homespurs in good shades of light, medium and dark grey, correct weight for suits and skirts, regular price 75c a yard, on sale Wednesday for

Men's fine all-wool shirts and d awers well made and well finished regular price \$1 00 a garment, on sale Wed-

Ladies' cloth Jacksts 36 in. long, tight fitting. made of fine fawn Kersey cloth, lined, yoke, strapped seams, regular price \$13, on sale Wed. \$7.75

Ladies' superfine first choice Astrachan Jackets, 26 in. long, fine close curl, bright finish, elegant satin lin-

ing, regular price \$39 on sale for \$36 adies' all-wool black Cashmere Hose light weight, full fishfound, first black, regular value 20c a pair, on sale Wednesday for

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mas Stone & Son.

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NOMINATIONS.

ANDIDATES OUT FOR MUNI-

ERY FEW ELECTED BY AC-

ASPIRANTS FOR MAYOR'S CHAIR

Hamilton, Dec. 29.-The nominations in this city to-day were not by any means exnations took place in the City Conucil chamber, as was the case a year ago, and the attendance of electors was fairly large. The Mayoralty candidates are:-Ex-Ald. James Dixon and Ald. Wellington J. Morden. Mr. Dixon and Ald. Wellington J.

Messrs. John Knox and ex-Ald. H. G.
Wright. Mr. Morden's nominators were
Messrs. Wm. Kavanagh and J. M. Robinson. Robert Roadhouse. Socialist, was
nominated, but he admitted that he could
not quality for the office. Candidates Dixon and Morden addressed the electors at
some length, and each took credit for
having worked in the city's interests., Mr.
Dixon criticized his opponent's management of the works department of the city

Toronto

Toronto. Mayoralty-Mayor Howland, Ald. Lamb, Ald. Urquhart, C. C. Robinson, C. C. Woodley.

London, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Very little interest appeared to be taken in the civic nominations to-day. The proceedings were entirely formal, speech-making being reserved for to-night. There was one election by acclamation, that of Trustee Mac-Roberts, in Ward Four. Following are the nominees: nominees:—
For Mayor—Clarence Thomas Campbell,
Charles Taylor, Adam Beck, W. H. Winnett, J. C. Judd.

Brantford, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Nominations for the Mayoralty were held this morning, and the names of three candidates, Aid. Robert Hall, ex-Aid. Matthew K. Halloran and Ald. Leitch, were pro-

Stratford. Stratford, Dec. 29 .- (Special.) -At the City Hall here to-day three candidates were to minated for M yor-E. K. Barnsdale, Win. Davidson and Wm. Hepburn. Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 29,-(Special.)-The nominafrom 10 to 11 o'clock. The candidates are ex-Ald. A. B. Petrie, Ald. Barber, Ald. J. II. Hamilton and Frank Dowler, and the present Mayor, John Kennedy. The latter two will likely resign.

St. Thomas. St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—Nominations to-day:—Chas, F. Maxwell, R. McCully and J. B. Davidson. Water Commissioners—Idsardi, Crocker

St. Catharines. St. Catharines, Dec. 29.—W. B. Burgoyne and Andrew R. Carnochan were nominated for Mayor this morning. The other nominations will not take place till this evening.

Woodstock. Woodstock, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The following were nominated for the Mayoralty to-day:—D. W. Kara, Dr. Mearns, E. W. Nesbitt, J. S. Mackay, Dr. Odlum, Dr. Rice, R. G. Sawtell and John White. It is probable that the first two, and possibly the first three, will retire, but, in any case, there will be a multiplicity of caudidates.

Belleville, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Mayor Robert J. Graham was elected by acclama-tion for a third consecutive term. J. W. Johnson and John G. Frost were elected Chatham.

Chatham, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Nomina-tions for Mayor:—George W. Cowas, Win, Edward McKeough. Windsor.

Windsor, Dec. 29.—Magoralty nominations -J. W. Drake (acclamation). Peterboro Peterboro', Dec. 29.—G. M. Rogers elected Mayor by acclamation.

Niagara. Niagara, Dec. 29 .- Mayor-James Alkens,

Owen Found. Owen Sound, Dec. 29.—Mayor—W. A. Grier (by acclamation). Oakville Oakville, Dec. 29.—The following candi-dates were nominated to-day:— Mayor—John Kelley, Isaac Warcup.

Port Hope. Port Hope, Dec. 29.—Following municial nominations for this town took place Mayor-Henry White and Dr. Corbett.

Welland. Welland, Dec. 29.-Welland Town-W. Best, Mayor, by acclamation. Barrie.

Barrie, Dec. 29,-W. A. Boys, Mayor (re Milton. Milton, Dec. 29.—For Mayor—D. Ander-son and Mayor S. Dice,

Paris.

Paris, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The following nominations were made to-night for muni-cipal officers for the Town of Paris:— Mayor—David Brown, Thomas Evans. Orillia.

Orillia. Dec. 29.—Nominations for Mayor John McCosh, R. Curran, C. J. Milier, R. J. Sanderson, A. Kerr, W. S. Frost, B. D. Gunn and Thomas Venner, Waterloo

Waterloo, Dec. 29. - Mayor-David Bean, eclamation, third term. Strathroy. Strathroy, Dec. 20.—To-day's nominations resulted as follows:—For Mayor—G. A. Stewart, John Robertson, R. Dickenson, John Folinsbee,

Lindsay. Lindsay, Dec. 29.—Mayor—George Inge, J. H. Sootheran, Robert Smyth. Listowel. Listowel, Dec. 29.—Mayor—Charles flerson, Chris. Prueter, Wellington John Watson, William Pelton.

Dundas, Dec. 29.-Mayor-Wm. Lawson Kincardine.

Kincardine, Dec. 29.—For Mayor — John Ruettel, William Temple, J. C. Cooke and A. Malcolm. Goderich.

Goderich, Dec. 29.—For Mayor—E. N. Lewis and J. C. Martin. Petrolea. Petrolea, Dec. 29.—Mayor—Wm. Eng-lish (accimuation).

St. Mary's. St. Mary's. Dec. 29.-Following

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was necessary to have somebody in It was decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works so that the Council of 1903 could thoroughly investigate the matter before dealing

Board of Works.

Alex. McDougall, Sanley avenue, wanted some trees in Victoria Park trimmed because they shaded his garden. Referred to the Parks and Cometery committee. Humane Officer

Gregor's report of work done during the year 1902 was received. attention to the fact that S. J. Sutherland was assessed for income tax, when he hadn't lived here since Oxtober, 1901. The tax amounted to \$58.65. This matter was referred to the Finance committee.

John Langan wrote stating that he had fallen on the street by rea-son of a defective statemark and brok-en his arm. He asked that the Council pay the doctor's bill. Referred Mrs. Mary Abram's assessment slig

showed a valuation of her property of \$900 while the tax roll showed a valuation of \$950. Referred to t nance to investigate. The Port Huron Engine & Thre h

er Co. wrote wanting to buy the roller and sell the city a lighter one. Referred to the Board of

The city solicitor wrote that the provisions of the Act in regard to the keeping of Head street in repair would be carried out. The communication from the city had been somewhat delayed, but not overlook ed. Referred to Finance.

The account of James Dodson \$15.90, expenses in connection with the conveying of a lunatic to the asylum was referred to the County

Ald. McCoig stated that there was an error in the assessment of John McKerrall. There was a difference of \$1,000 between his assessment slip and the collector's roll. Referred to

Ald. Cowan grye notice of a motion rescinding the resolution of the Council granting free water to Colby & Scott and W. N. Drader.

The chairman of the Industrial committee read two letters, one from Colby & Scott and one from W. N. Drader. Both firms asked that free water privilege be removed, as they desired no unfair advantage. The motion rescinding the resolution granting free water carried.

The chairman of Board of Works reported as follows:-That the account of John Bowes, \$6.90, be paid. That the account of Blight & Field-

er, \$137.74, be referred to the engineer to report on, as part of the items were chargeable to local improve-That the account of Mrs. E. F. Park,

\$45, be paid.

G. G. Taylor, chairman of the Property committee, reported as follows: That the account of the Chatham Electrical Company, \$385.88, be paid. That the account of the Waterworks Dept., \$46, be paid. That the account of James Wanless,

\$1, draying, had been settled for 50c, That the account of W. N. Drader, That The & Hadley Co. be given permission to instal a private fire alarm system in their mill.

That the account of Fred Wood, \$1.50, be paid.

That George A. Taylor be paid \$2 for lighting and taking care of the coal oil lamp on Duke St. That the account of Park Bros. \$48.55, be paid.

The report was adopted with the exception of the last clause. Ald. Cowan, chairman of the Industrial committee, reported against granting free water to the firms of John Piggott & Sons, The S. Hadley Co. and The Blonde Co. While the committee considered that the grant-

THE WANSTEAD WRECK'S RE-MARKABLE FEATURES.

CARSON TESTIFY.

Wyoming, Dec. 30 .- At the inquest a ailroad story as dramatic and as tragic as any in the history of railroads was told by Train Despatcher J. B. Kerr and Station Agent Andrew Carson, who gave their different versions of the causes which led to the Wanstead horror. Their statements are different in no great degree from those contained in the despatches sent to The Globe from

estimates. Ald. McCoig had a statement in detail.

Ald. Mounteer moved, seconded by Ald. McCoig, that Ald. Marshall take the chair and that the Mayor should Ald. Mounteer said that the Council was about closing the year's business. The members had got along fairly well and all would acknowledge that this was due to a great extent to Mayor Sulman. Mr. Mounteer moved him a hearty vote of thanks. Ald. McCoig said that he had pleasure in seconding the motion. Ald. McCoig said that he had apprehad kept. He had never allowed the by himself, to support his word. ous Vote of thanks to the Mayor. Mr. Sulman during his regime had always been promptly on hand and had adhered strictly to the rules. Although he hoped next year to get a good Mayor, it would be hard to

In reply Mayor Sulman said that he was gratified to hear the kind words expressed in commendation of his conduct of affairs at the Council | tween the two stations in which to gain ss-like manner. He was more of an actor than a speaker, as actions spoke the loudest. The Mayor then read his valedictory to the Council. After eight years civic service, the time had arrived to say farewell. While he regretted the change still it was accompanied by a feeling of relief. No man could be Mayor without neglecting his private affairs. He was proud to say that during his two years' service he had never miss-

ed a meeting. During his active municipal life he had seen the water works purchased, the commencement of vitrified brick paving, the abolition of wards, and two large fac-tories started. Those with whom he had come in conflict during his civic service he asked to forgive and for-After the Council had adjourned Mayor Sulman invited his colleagues to a farewell banquet at his home, Stanley avenue, where a most de-

lightful evening was spent.

PLEADED GUILTY

Greenfield, Mass. Dec. 29,-To a ch.rge of murder Louis Martin B tzer, of Turner's Falls, retracted a previous plea of not guilty in the Superior criminal court here to-day, and pleaded guilty in the second degree. Bitzer was sentenced to life imprisonment. The plea was entered on an indictment charging the murder of Ida May Columbe, at Turner's Falls, Dec. 31, 1901. No mention was made of a second indictment charging Bitzer with the murder of his infant son on the same date.

POISON IN WINE

Chicago, Dec. 29 .- Poisoned, it. charged, by means of a bottle of wine given as a Christmas present, Richard Cummings, 50 years of age, died yes-terday at the home of Mrs. Lizzie hanan, in Ashland avenue, where he was boarding. Wm. Moniak, his wife, Therisa Moniak and their 4-year-old daughter, Mary, were arrested on suspicion of having poisoned Cummings. A bitter quarrel is said to have taken place between Cummings and Mrs. shanan on one side and the Moniaks on the other. The wine, according to the story told the police, was given to Mrs. Shanan by Mary Moniak, on behalf of her parents, as a peace offering. Mrs. Shanan drank some of it, said she suffered from severe pains soon afterward. She offered some of the wine to her niece, who complained that it tasted bitter. Cumings drank the remainder and died 24 hours later. An examination of Cummings' stomach will be made.

PERISHED IN FLAMES.

London, Dec. 29 .- As a result of fire in a small house in Stephney today a Mrs. Schlessinger and her five children were burned to death.

TO THE PENITENTIARY.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 29 .- Judge Chisl holm to-day sentenced the Pepper brothers, convicted of committing a series of highway robberies in the ing of free water to new industries county this fall. To the elder he was a good investment, they didn't gave seven and to the younger six crossing of the trains at Wanstead, was think it advisable to grant free water years in Kingston penitentiary

MANY MISCHANCES.

OPENING OF THE INQUEST AT

Ald. McCoig presented the financial statement of the year's expenditure. It showed very bittle overdraft and the council of 1902 had financed the city's affairs about even with the London on Sunday, but they were today made on oath, and the two employees both added details to support evidence which on the one vital point of direct responsibility for the wreck contradicted each other. The testimony of the two men agreed up to the statement by Carson that Kerr had told him to "bust," or cancel, the order giving instructions for the express train No. 5 and the eastbound freight to pass at Wanstead. Kerr denied sending this message, and his denial is supported by all of the documentary evidence, which will remain as a record of the tragedy Carson has only in black and white the words "Bust it," written on the order curious chain of mishaps which led to the disaster was perhaps the most im-pressive feature brought out by the day's proceedings. Carson, in the first place, either misunderstood or failed to

deliver an order, or else that order was improperly given. Either of these circumstances might have occurred, and a wreck been impossible if the operator at Kingscourt had been at his key, instead of, as he probably was, out on the plat-form. There was a clear four miles be-

neer, had passed the Kingscourt danger signal, and the Wanstead operator had been working in his office, as he often does at night, he would have had five minutes to raise his semaphore, and the express could not have got by that.

With No. 5 past-these two stations the agent at Wyoming had a chance tohold the freight. He was imperatively ordered to do this by the despatcher, and gave the signal to the rear brakeman on the van of the long line of cars. The brakeman saw the lantern wave, and transmitted the stop signal to the head of the train. He supposed that the conductor had been left behind, but from the engine came an answer by lantern that everything was all right, sent by both conductor and front brakeman, so he did not repeat the signal. The Wyoming agent, content with having his

stop signal acknowledged, walked back in to his station, not knowing that he had failed to carry out the instruction, namely, to "stop" the freight. Conduc-tor Graham knew that he had to pass the freight at Wanstead, and but for a final mishap to his plans the express would have swept by in safety. Uraham knew better than to keep a fast pas-senger train waiting, and in his own words, he "didn't want any truck with those big mogul engines," so when the freight was nearing the switch at Wanstead he ordered the driver to slacker speed, and the brakeman jumped off and ran ahead to turn the switch. This was to save the time that would be lost by bringing the heavy train of beef cars to a dead standstill and then start again. The ground at the switch was slippery with soft snow, and the brakeman's feet went from under him. He failed to throw the switch, and the freight engine and cars rolled along the main track past him. Then the train had to be stopped and backed up to the switch. This took a minute and a half, only a little time, but longer than would have been required to pull the train into se-curity on the siding. When that little time expired the crew were jumping for their lives before the awful rush of No.

The hearing of the evidence is being proceeded with in a little hall near the Wyoming station, itself once the shelter of many sufferers from a railway wreck Dr. Albert E. Hall of the town is the presiding Coroner, and he has drawn his ury from among the citizens of his own village, and included among them four

The jurors are Messrs. William Cul-

eert, Robert Rae, William Coghill, Rev. J. M. Gunn, Pierce Parker, Rev. W. D. Richardson, O. H. Smith, Rev. E. J. Haines, J. W. Smith Rev. W. G. Andrews, Simon Casey, Alphonse McKay, G. G. Hartley and John Gibson, Mr. G. G. Hartley and John Gibson, Mr. J. W. Smith was made foreman. Mr. George C. Jones, Divisional Super-intendent of the railway, was in the village during the day, but the representatives of the company in the court bom were Mr. W. C. Costello of Lon-Yon, the Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. W. W. Pope of Belleville, who acted as legal adviser. Mr. Carson, the agent now charged by his superiors with responsibility for the wreck, had with him Mr. W. J. Hanna, M.P.P., of Sar-nia. The examinations are being conducted by Crown Attorney Bucke of Sarnia. Carson was called first, but his lawyer objected. He said that he wanted to have heard first the evidence

dealing with the incidents leading up to

Carson's part in it. This being practi-cally an intimation that the despatcher's version should be given first, Mr. J. G.

He said that when No. 5 left London on Friday night it had an order to run to Watford, an hour late, and fifty minutes late from there to Sarnia tunnel. roy was reached, but he was not suce but that the time had not all been was reached, but he was not sure lost before the express left Landon. No.

5 was expected to reach Watford at 10 o'clock, and actually did reach there about two minutes earlier. The order was numbered 93, and it was to the effect that No. 5 was to meet the extra east freight at Wanstead. The order was repeated by the agent at Watford, and also at Wyoming, where the extra east freight was waiting, and the order was completed at 9.49 p.m. Some eight minutes later Wyoming called London and said the freight was not getting out, and inquiry at Watford that No. 5 was coming. Kerr notified the agent at the latter place that he (the despatcher) might "bust" the order. Subsequently Kerr gave the freight permission to leave Wyoming, but on learning that No. 5 had left Watford he again got Wyoming and asked the operator there to hold the freight. "I can't," answered Wyoming, to which Kerr replied: "You amust." Kings-

court Junction was called, and when the answer came, seven minutes after the first call to it, the operator said the express had passed. On being asked why he let No. 5 go, the agent at Watford replied that Kerr had told him "to bust it," meaning to annul the order Wanstead called about the time the witness thought No. 5 would arrive there, notifying him of the accident and calling for the auxiliary. Mr. Kerr said the operator at Wanstead was relieved from duty for the day when th despatcher knew that his work was over, and the agent at Watford had to possed peq g on him fine no uruma. If the night operator at Kingscourt had answered the call sooner he believed No. 5 could have been stopped. The operator at Kingscourt asked why he had not answered the earlier call, and said that he did not hear it. On cross examination on the question of the company's rules, Mr. Kerr said that if the order to meet at Wanstead had been "busted" he would have issued a subsequent order annulling it. Such an order was not issued. With a direct order for two such trains to meet, the freight train did not have to be in the siding five minutes before the arrival of the express. Under other circum-

The railway authorities are awaiting the verdict of the Coroner's jury before making an investigation upon their own behalf. The reason for this is that Superintendent Jones wishes to have all of the employees who might be implicated in the acts of negligence which caused the wreck give their statements upon oath first. Not one of the men directly connected with the incidents leading up to the wreck were asked by the officials for a detailed explanation, but whatever the outcome of the judicial investigation, the superintendent of the divisio

will deal with the case on behalf of the railway afterwards. The discovery of the friends of Miss Toini Paananen, the you g woman who was en route from Toronto to Duluth, has completed the identification of all of the bodies taken from the wreck. and the remains will probably be taken to Duluth for interment, as there are several of the young girl's relatives in

that city

The inquest will be continued her to day. Watford, Dec. 29. against the remark and mis leading statement which has been circulated through the medium of the press during the last day or two in regard to the G. T. R. agent, Mr. Carson. In the statements it was stated that the G. T. R. officials denied the fact that Mr. Carson was an overworked servant of the company. It is a well-known fact to all business men that Mr. Carson is doing the work with the assistance of a new student, which formerly required four qualified men at a time when there was not half the volume of business to attend to at Watford. We think it our duty to correct these statements, know ing them to be untrue, and the tone to that a gross injustice has been done to them to be untrue, and we consider a good citizen and a valuable servant of

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OF ALL DE SCRIPTIONS **CHEAPEST IN** CHATHAM ...