

The Planet

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

A GOOD START.

The City Council last evening made a good start on a business-like record by adopting the proposal, conveyed in the inaugural address of his worship, Mayor McKee, to secure the services of an expert chartered accountant to thoroughly examine and audit the city's books.

Over a year ago The Planet first advocated this course, and it is with considerable satisfaction that this journal now sees the adoption of its suggestion by an energetic and progressive Mayor and Council.

Their action will meet with the hearty endorsement of the ratepayers and will result, we feel assured, in material benefit to the city.

It looks as though Chatham was in for a good, sound, business-like administration this year.

THE BINDER TWINE CO.

It must have been very satisfactory to those interested in the welfare of the Chatham Binder Twine Company, after the many storms which have been experienced, to note such a harmonious and business-like meeting of the shareholders as was held yesterday.

This will do much to restore confidence in the concern, and if those interested now rally loyally round the directors and push the sale of stock to a sufficient extent to supply those in charge with enough ready money to open and run the factory, there should be a bright future ahead.

The manufacture of binder twine in this Province has proved to be a remunerative industry—and there is no reason why the Chatham concern should not be put on a paying basis.

A WORD TO THE JOURNAL.

Our esteemed Liberal contemporary, the St. Thomas Journal, in its issue of yesterday reproduces the untruthful political yarn manufactured by the Banner that the Conservatives of Chatham sent some \$150 to be used for corrupt purposes in the recent by-elections, and seeks to make political capital out of the story. The Journal concludes:—

Two of The Planet's most intimate friends carried the money to Toronto. And yet The Planet snivels about corruption.

Something similar was, we believe, recently printed in the Banner. It was not deemed, however, worthy of recognition or contradiction coming from that source. People know the Banner, and its journalistic and political ethics and vocabulary, sufficiently to pay no serious attention to its occasional outbreaks.

But with the Journal it is a different matter. The St. Thomas paper is generally so conducted as to secure for it the esteem of its journalistic colleagues and the respect of its readers. And it is for this reason alone that we desire to draw its attention to the character of the information with which it has been victimized.

The Chatham Conservatives are zealous and loyal supporters of their party, but they are honest and upright fighters and would not, we believe, and the Journal believes, too—devote such a contribution in cold blood to an endeavor to corrupt the electorate as the yarn would indicate.

So far as The Planet is concerned, its "snivelling" consisted in expressing its regret that its Conservative journalistic colleagues had instituted such sweeping charges of corruption against the Government until they had secured more definite evidence than mere suspicious circumstances. In The Planet's view, as was said, the course of hurling accusations of the kind, without substantial evidence of their truth, at either political party, cheapens our ideal of uprightness and honesty in public affairs and is detrimental to the morale of the electorate.

And, if we mistake not, the Journal has recently spoken much on the same lines.

HONESTY OR POLITICS—WHICH?

A very interesting and peculiar combination of circumstances is revealed by the preliminary proceedings in the Centre Bruce election trial. Mr. Hugh Clark, the Conservative member-elect, whom the Liberals are seeking to unseat, has refused to answer the questions put to him in the preliminary examination, producing as his excuse for silence, a document signed by the Hon. Mr. Harcourt—acting premier during the absence of Hon. Mr. Ross in England—in which it was solemnly agreed by the minister of education that the petition against Mr. Clark would be withdrawn if the petition which had been filed against his own return for Monck would also be withdrawn. The Conservative petition against Mr. Harcourt was dropped; but the Lib-

erals are not carrying out their bargain and are proceeding against Mr. Clark.

The Planet has previously expressed its firm conviction that these saw-off bargains are both improper and demoralizing; yet a bargain is a bargain, and even the rogue who fails in honor to a pal is held in contempt by his fellows. By this saw-off of Centre Bruce against Monck the minister of education was confirmed in his seat, and possible revelations of Liberal corruption and fraud in Monck were prevented. That was value received from the Liberal machine point of view. Having received that value, it cannot be regarded as other than dishonest for the Liberal machine to go on with the proceedings against Mr. Clark. It is pleaded in excuse that Mr. Harcourt's colleagues in the ministry did not approve of the bargain he had made on his own account, and vetoed it. We are not familiar with the etiquette of saw-off proceedings, but it seems to us that the government, having gained an advantage by the bargain which one of its members made, is in honor bound to carry out its share of the bargain so far as it is able to do so.

Of course, as the Hamilton Herald points out, the existence of this document, signed by Mr. Harcourt, cannot legally excuse Mr. Clark from giving evidence. The court cannot recognize the document as one having any legal, binding effect. But the incident, following so closely the misleading and discreditable actions of Premier Ross and Hon. Mr. Davis, in respect to the latter's agreement to resign, furnishes an alarming commentary on the ethics of honor held by Ontario's Liberal ministers.

How does the "20,000 club" for Chatham idea impress you?

Looks like business, doesn't it, the good start that the City Council has made?

With a little zeal and industrial enterprise the 20,000 population mark for Chatham wouldn't seem so far off, would it?

Was there anything suggestive in the fact that the first alderman His Worship called to occupy the Mayor's chair was Ald. McCoig?

We may have mentioned it before, but it will stand repeating. Now that we have a businesslike Mayor and a businesslike Council, we're going to have businesslike methods. And the city is going to reap the benefit.

Looks somewhat as though Editor Hugh Clark, Conservative member-elect for Centre Bruce, is up against the short end of a confidence game. We always thought that newspaper men were too honest and innocent for politics, anyway.

Ald. Robinson will soon be known as the Silent Member of the City Council. He is the only alderman who has not yet had something to say. But Ald. Robinson listens carefully and votes intelligently, and the people can expect something worth hearing when he makes his maiden speech at the Board. Anyway, it begins to look as though the Council will need a Silent Member or two this year to balance up, as 'twere.

Ald. McCoig last evening drew the attention of The Planet to the fact that he had been misrepresented in being credited with the statement that the city came out even financially last year. His figures were those of the City Treasurer and showed the deficit mentioned. Ald. McCoig points out, however, that a considerable amount of the overdraft was yet to be charged back to local improvements.

In appointing Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Rankin, B. A., K. C., to the Collegiate Institute Board, the City Council have done themselves credit. Mr. Rankin is an educationist of advanced ideas and has had a practical experience which will be of exceptional value in the duties which will devolve upon him. Mr. Rankin will be a decided acquisition to the membership of the Board and his presence there will be beneficial to the best interests of our Collegiate Institute.

Our attention is called to the fact that the name of the publication claiming to be the local organ of the Liberal party has been changed from the Banner to the News. While there is a rich vein of sarcastic humor in the latter title, the many friends of Mr. J. R. Gemmill, who established the Banner and conducted it with dignity and ability for so many years, are to be heartily congratulated upon demanding and bringing about the change. "The Banner" has stood too long for all the higher ideals in journalistic ethics to permit the name to be prostituted by baser succeeding methods.

Now, if someone would only head off all those long-winded "Infant Baptism" correspondents on to the line of a "20,000 club" for Chatham, some real good might result.

The citizen who suggests that it should be a "50,000 club" has the right idea, but he's a bit ambitious for a starter. Of course, if our good people make a walk-away of the 20,000 The Planet will be delighted to raise the limit.

As it now turns out, Hon. Mr. Ross took a narrower chance than he had any idea of taking when he put the figure necessary for prohibition success in the referendum at 212,000. The delayed returns from the out-lying districts swelled the prohibition vote very materially, and the total is now reported at over 203,000, with a constituency of two to hear from yet. As the figures have worked out, it is pretty clear that if the referendum vote had been taken on the municipal election day, the temperance people would have won, hands down.

SAID WHAT WE MEANT.

St. Thomas Times.
W. E. McKee is the name of the new Mayor of Chatham, and The Planet of the Maple City perpetrate this: "Yes, he's going to Mac Keough a good Mayor."

ITS NEW YEAR GREETING.

Ridgetown Dominion.
This year in the glad New Year the Chatham News rises to remark: "The Tory Opposition is a sad aggregation of knaves and nonentities, and surely a stench in the nostrils of decent Conservatism."
Never did condemned criminals receive a reliever from the gallows with more frenzied joy than did certain Government payed newspapers learn of the result of Wednesday's elections.

SCROFULA

Bad air, poor food, insufficient clothing, dark, damp or crowded apartments are frequent causes of scrofula. Perhaps this explains why the ailment is so common in the poorer sections of large cities. Scrofula, however, does not recognize city limits. It prevails under all conditions of location, soil and climate. Moreover, it is but a step to consumption, and herein lies the great danger. It is just as well to avoid the step.

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LODGES.

WELLINGTON Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M. G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

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Local B...

J. G. Kerr was in Saginaw, Wednesday.

William McVein, of yesterday in town.

R. P. Wright, of Chatham visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Tucker, of Chatham son Joseph, of the Government Inspector was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Maud Pardee visited in the city yesterday.

W. A. F. Campbell, was in the city Wednesday.

Wesley Craig, Monck and Trotter's, in the city Wednesday.

William A. Shaw, of the Tilbury Times, was in the city Wednesday.

Douglas Stevens is a file has no fever now and is away to recovery.

Wm. J. Taylor, of Menzies, of Staples, was at the Merrill House.

W. A. Johnson, E. H. son and J. M. Clark, of visitors in the city Wednesday.

C. E. Fice, representative of Bell Company, Montreal, at the Garner Hotel.

County Commissioner of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday attending the meeting.

John Curtis, drunk, jail, was all the workmen had at the police station.

D. A. Hickey, of M. and E. St. O. E. Auditor, were among the guests yesterday.

You will enjoy your tend the pedro social Hall to-night. Six p. given away.

Miss Margaret Parker and Albert Haynes, of married yesterday after Mr. Cobblestick.

Private sale of house for further particulars McCarthy, dressmaker, rick's store, King street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. daughter, of Onemee, are the guests of Mr. A. Humphrey, Grant street.

The firemen received yesterday morning at eight burning chimney on the Mr. Jackson, Raleigh.

Jonas Gosnell, County a car of hardwood for it is four-foot wood and per cord f. o. b., High.

Nathaniel Massey of Buffalo to attend the nephew, Arthur Carpenter of 20, who died fever.

The Maple Leaf Plea hold a ball and basket the L. O. O. F. Auditor day evening, Jan. 22nd.

Invitations previously still good. E. Pritchard in attendance.

W. A. F. Campbell a son, of Ridgetown, were yesterday. They were a reference before Judge vs. Porter, an action of mortgage and a note Campbell for plaintiff, contra and John Wall Young, one of the claim was disputed.

Capt. Asa Ribble, of in the city yesterday, to look after the enclosure farming community of the growth of sugar beets factory at Dresden nearly enough beets w of many miles of the v management are going than London to obtain they desire. They are seed to the farmers, top struction how best to grow beet.—London Free Press.

DISTRICT C

TILBURY

Jan. 15.—J. J. Sadler, visiting his daughter h Scarff, left last night in Gainsborough, Man. Mrs. Scarff accompanying.

The hockey match at on Tuesday night b juniors and Tilbury in a draw.

Married.—On Wednesday the home of the b Fingal, Miss M. Low of Tilbury, to Mr. H. Edmonton.

Mr. E. Dore, of Har town on Tuesday.

H. V. Martin, of Ch has returned from a v Mr. and Mrs. H. Ca terday on a month's v tives in Saginaw.

WALLACEBURG

Jan. 15.—Monday eve boys of St. James church and presented Gordon a silver crum scraper, to show their of her kindness and pat ing them. Master F read the address, wh West made the presen half of the boys.

Mrs. J. W. Steinhoff leave this week for Cit Mrs. Gordon and child week to spend a fe Citronelle, Ala.

Died.—In Wallaceburg, John Booth, aged 79 y and 14 days.

The weekly band con in the rink last eveni