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"Mr. McKeough is a good upright and houset in all of his

ings, and a very valuable man in the

managing of the city's business. I would like to see him occupy the Mayor's chair, for he rightly d the position. He has served the city for a number of years at the Council

and has proved himself to be one man

in a bundred. Every move he has made has been to the best of his

made has been to the best of his judgment—in the best interests of the city. In fact, I don't know of any man in the city who is more capable of directing the Council in their proceedings than Ald. Mo-Keough. He would make an excel-

"If he really intends now to drop out of the coming contest, I hope he will reconsider the matter and stay in the field, for by so doing he

will act in the best interests of our

William Hadley says: "I think Ald. McKeough showed that he had some

sand when he resigned. If, as chair-

man of the Board of Works, I brought

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### ALDERMAN WM. E. MCKEOUGH TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Decides to Withdraw From The Municipal Arena In View Of The Strange Stand Of City Council On Board Of Works Report.

CONSENTS TO GIVE INTERVIEW TO THE PLANET

Board of Works Has Been Unable To Obtain Obedience And Satisfactory Work From The City Engineer-Asked Accordingly For His Resignation—Council Declined To Dispense With His Services And Ald. McKeough Felt His Usefulness As Head Of The Department Was At An End,

#### HOW THE CITIZENS VIEW THE MATTER.

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ALD, M'KEOUGH RESIGNS

This morning Ald. Wm. E. McKeough fyled the following communi

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Chatham

dismissing the City Engineer, J. D. McNab, upon the unanimous recom-

mendation of the Board of Works, I consider my usefulness as an Alder-

mendation of the Board of Works, I consider my describes as an Alderman in the present Council has ceased, and I hereby tender you my
resignation as Chairman of the Board of Works and as Alderman
of the City of Chatham.

Faithfully yours,

the City Council last evening, Ald. Gradually the news circulated profound sensation. Ald. McKeough's enterprising and energetic municipal career was freely commented upon and universal regret expressed at his

This afternoon The Planet interviewed Ald. McKeough. He was at first averse to making any further

cation with City Clerk Merritt:

Works being unable, prior to the introduction of this motion, to control his actions, in my opinion it became simply impossible to control him now, and as I am held responsible for a great many of his acts, I considered it in the best interests of the city as well as myself to allow some other member of the Council or the Mayor to furnish him with instructions and assume the conduct of his depart-

As a result of the proceedings at I retain this services and the Board of

"As to my motion, Mr. Carswell is a man in whom I have great confidence and he has been solicited on several occasions to take charge of this work. Ex-Mayor S. T. Martin, when chairman of the Board of Works, after the resignation of Mr.

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in a motion for the dismissal of a man I couldn't trust and the Council wouldn't back me up, I would have resigned, too." Ex-Mayor S. T. Martin, a former chairman of the Board of Works,

lent Mayor.

"I wouldn't like to see Ald. Mo-Keough out of the Council. He has been a careful and steady municipal representative and I would be exceedingly sorry if Mr. McKeough's resignation is accepted. I think, nowever, that the chairman of Board of Works did perfectly right in re-signing, and I would have done the

Ex-Mayor T. A. Smith, who is well equainted with the qualities required in a man on the Council, and who did such good work himself while at the Council Board, said of Ald. Mo-Keough's recent action:

"Yes, I have heard that Ald. Mo-Keough intends resigning from the Council and from the mayorality contest. I only hope its a rumor and not based on facts. I have had the pleasure of sitting in the Council with Ald. McKeough and I always found him working for the best interests of the city and with a desire to do what was right in every respect. The city requires men of Ald. Mc-Keough's stamp, and I hope he will Gentlemen,-Owing to the action of the Council last night in not stick to the ship."

Robert Gray, president of the Wila man whose judgment and far seeing ommon sense is well known by Maple City residents, says of the matter:

"I am really surprised to hear of Ald

McKeough's resignation. This will be a great loss to the city. As to his rumored intention of dropping out of the Mayoralty contest, I do think this would be a great mistake, and I hope Mr. McKeough will think better of the matter. He has served the city faithfully for a number of years, and is truly deserving of the mayor's chair. There is not another man in the city who would in my opinion make a better mayor. I will indeed be sorry if of pursuing and he expressed himself he does not run in the coming elec-

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### Crockery

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### McConnell's

pressed upon bim that the public would eventually urge it and he consented to the interview.

"In many ways I cincerely regret that I feel forced to take this step," he said, "but 1" fell that-in view of the Council's decision in reference to the City Engineer, for whose acts, to a large extent, I must be held responsible-my usefulness to the people who elected me as one of their aldermen, is seriously crippled, if not ended, and, under the circumstances, feel that I am called upon to take

this step in the city's interest. "At the beginning of the year," Ald. McKeough continued, "when the City Engineer's resignation was before the Council, I had not been a member thereof and consequently only had a hearsay version of the friends and not a few prominent citizens urged me to use my influence to give him another chance. I had he earnestly promised me to reform I desired to do no man an injury and consented to give him further opportunity to see what he would do in the city's interests.

"For the first few months he did show evidences of doing better, but for the last two or three months he has been beyond the control of myself and the Board and has done various things contrary to our instructions and has not carried out orders as should have been done. I did not wish to make any formal charges against him for this would only en-

"I interviewed many members of the Council and felt assured of their support in a motion to dismiss. Then avenue, when Ald. McKeough's re-I undertook, with some abler members of the Council, to interview the short conversation with The Planet Engineer and request his resignation, this afternoon he said;

be more pleasant for himself. "The Mayor and I met him in the Clerk's office and explained that the Board of Works were unanimous in a great mistake for, by so doing asking for his resignation and I understood from the Mayor that he would hand in his resignation before would hand in his resignation before the city has sustained a severe loss, the meeting of Council. This the En-gineer did not do and we were ob-liged to bring on a motion to disliged to bring on a motion to dis-

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Topp, approached Mr. Carswell, but the salary offered was not sufficient inducement. Two months ago I approached him on the same subject but found his services were not available. I met the Mayor before he left for Montreal and told him the course that the Board of Works thought

WM. E. M'KEOUGH.

as willing to dispense with the Engineer's services, provided we obtained a good man to fill this place. Mr. Carswell's name was suggested and was satisfactory. Mr. Carswell was not eager to act as he had contracts on his hands and did not give me any assurance that he would accept until Saturday night.

"Mr. Carswell has the reputation of handling a gang of men probably better than any other man in Chatham. I am quite confident that he could perform the duties of engineer and I think the salary he asks is not any more than he would well earn, He would not require a foreman and his salary of \$1,200 would difficulties. Many of the engineer's not equal the combination salaries of the present engineer and foreman, which amount to \$1,350. The city would thus have saved \$150 per annum. I think the Council made a several talks with him myself and great mistake in allowing the opportunity of securing Mr. Carswell's services to slip by. A practical man such as Mr. Carswell, would soon save for the city much more than his

"As I said," concluded Ald. Mc-Keough, "the step I have taken has occasioned me sincere regret. would much have preferred to have completed the year of service I promised when the citizens were good enough to elect me, but I feel that my usefulness to them as their representative is destroyed, that I can no longer control the department of their work to which I have been assigned, and sooner than become unable to conduct it fearlessly and freely in what I believe to be the best interests of the city, I feel forctail a long and annoying investiga- ed to ask the Council and the citizens tion and result in no good-so far to relieve me of a service that could as I can see-to the city or the Coun- no longer, I fear, be beneficial to either of us.

WHAT THE CITIZENS SAY. There was not a more surpsied man man in town than Wm. Ball, Victoria signation was made known.

I am very sorry to hear that Ald. thinking that such a course would McKeough has resigned from the be more pleasant for himself.

McKeough has resigned from the Council Board, and I am still more sorry to hear of a rumor to the effect that he will drop out of the mayoralty contest. If this is really

pense with his services.

"The Council, having seen fit to him personally and do all I can to tice.

### FLOWER MISSION

Another W. C. T. U. year has rollled into eternity and this report tells of some of the good done in this depart-John Hendershott and her assistant Mrs. Walters, have accomplished a wonderful amount of good; they have made one hundred and fifty visits to the sick, and taken clothing, groceries and cheerful faces to the poor and despondent ones, and fruit and flowers to the sick.

Clothing-Four men's coats, four women's coats, four shirts, seven shirts, three suits underwear, nine suits of children's underwear, two pairs of stockings, one quilt, three pairs shoes, two hats, two caps, one undershirt, two dresses, one overcoat, two pairs

Groceries-\$1.00 sugar; 20c lard, two lbs, butter, one lb. tea, two doz, eggs, one can B. P, six loaves bread, four lbs meat, 12 lb. sack flour, one pk. potatoes, one basket potaties, one basket

Fruits, Jellies and Cakes-One oranges, one doz. bananas, one glass marmalade, 17 glasses of jelly, four pies, three cakes, one dozen cookies, four pkgs, jelly, fifty boquets with text cards and thirty-four boquets without the cards, and two flower emblems.

Wanted-Strong young man for telephone line work. Apply at Belf. Telephone Co. 30 yards of three-ply all wool carpet, perfectly new, for sale at a bargain.

Address Box 10. Bothwell has sent two of her representatives to Toronto again this term to spend a few months in the Central Business College of that city, which is presided over by an old Kent boy in the person of Mr W. H. Shaw, who is principal of that noted institution. The two young ladies who attended that College last session from our town were promptly located in good sommercial positions by the school. They were Miss Lizzie Johnston and Miss Stella Cunningham

### DRESDEN

Rowland & Young's Bijou Comedy Company appear at the Grand opera house here all next week. They are playing at Chatham this week. Their write-up in to-day's Planet under the heading of Theatrical, is worthy of no-