

## The Planet.

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LET THEM GET TOGETHER.

The average ratepayer and citizen is beginning to wonder how, when and where it will all end; this tangled web of live wires that seemingly has enveloped so many of our municipal and educational representatives and institutions—how shall it best be unravelled and the many cross and dangerous electric currents checked and nullified?

It is very unfortunate — not only for the representatives concerned, but for the city at large—that a discussion which should have proved a helpful and intelligent analysis as to the wisdom of inaugurating a Board of Education, has been characterized so largely with personal feeling and retaliatory imputations. The real issue, and its advisability, has been largely lost in a maze of heated verbal pyrotechnics. It is not a question now as to whether a Board of Education is really more advantageous to the community than the present system; it is a matter of whether Mayor Cowan and his colleagues are to conquer Trustees Robertson and Paxton and their colleagues, and the people are invited to take sides and join in the unhealthy civil warfare. As to the merits of the matter at issue—how very little has been said!

The formation of a Board of Education is a very important project for the ratepayers and their representatives to carefully and thoughtfully consider. Theoretically, it appears to be several important issues to be taken into consideration.

The Council have taken the steps necessary to bring the new Board into being next January if it be deemed advisable in the public interests. If, on the other hand, it is going to cause troublesome and expensive complications—such as would warrant men acting for the public good in postponing its inauguration—we understand the resolution may be rescinded and the matter be left over for future and fuller consideration during the coming year.

The Planet respectfully suggests to all parties concerned the wisdom of forthwith getting together in an honest, open and thoughtful consideration of the whole question. In the public interests banish personal feeling and prejudice and meet on the happy mutual basis of a desire to act in common for the public weal.

We would much like to see a meeting called of special representatives from the City and County Councils, from the Collegiate Institute, Public and Separate School Boards, to consider the whole question amicably together—and decide harmoniously one with the other on the best course to be pursued in the interests of all concerned. Then let everyone act thereon.

Who will take the initiative to bring about such a conference?

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS

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A special meeting of the City Council will, in all probability, be held next Monday evening to deal with the electric light question.

At the meeting last Monday evening nothing was done with this question as the proposition from the Gas Company had not been received and the Property Committee thought it wiser to defer their report until such proposition was submitted.

P. S. Coote, manager of the Gas Company, in conversation with a Planet reporter this morning said:

"Our proposition will be ready to submit at the Council meeting Monday night. Experts have been employed to figure on it and this has caused some delay. A meeting of the directors of the company will be held this evening to consider the figures and to make a definite offer to the city."

At the meeting Monday evening the electric light question will be settled and either the offer from the Gas Company will be accepted or power will be granted to the Property Committee to purchase a new dynamo.

It is also expected that the matter of an investigation of the poor sewer work on Raleigh street will be discussed at Monday night's meeting.

"New Jobs for Old" are exchanged, every day, in great numbers, through the "Wanted" ads. in this newspaper. The price of a "want ad." is the only fee required in the exchange.

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## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Guns and Ammunition at Briscoe's.  
L. Cox, of Blenheim, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Walter Babcock, of Dresden, spent yesterday in town.

J. C. Hillman, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday.

Joe Pilsworth, of Leamington, was in the city yesterday.

A. H. Plummer, of Blythe, was a visitor in town yesterday.

W. C. Freeman, of Wallaceburg, spent yesterday in the city.

Frame building for sale cheap. Apply to The Blonde Lumber Co.

Isaac E. Simpson and daughter, of Merlin, were city visitors yesterday.

Mrs. Richard Pritchard, of Dover street, is somewhat improved to-day.

J. C. Hillman, of Bothwell, spent yesterday with his many Chatham friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Simms, of Wallaceburg, were guests in the city yesterday.

Thomas G. McCallum, of Blenheim, was registered at the C. P. R. Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Will Krug left last night for Detroit, where he has accepted a good position.

Mrs. Clark and daughter and son, of Blenheim, spent yesterday in the city.

Health Inspector Anson Mounteer is busy to-day clearing out the isolation hospital.

Miss Florence Peacock and Mrs. Edmunds, of Blenheim, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

Percy Morley, of this city, and Chumie Hill, of Toronto, attended the Wallaceburg Fair yesterday.

Wanted, a bright young man about seventeen years of age, having a Collegiate Institute training. Apply at this office.

Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Pearson, both of Blenheim, were the guests of Mrs. E. Putnam for the past two days.

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Mac, McLachlan, principal of the Grand Rapids Business College, is visiting his brother, D. McLachlan, William street.

Fireman Alex. Holmes, who has been seriously ill, was not so well yesterday, but his many friends will be pleased to learn he is somewhat improved to-day.

Ald. Harry Westman reports that the plumbing work at the Central school is progressing steadily. It is expected that the work will be completed for the Central School Fair.

D. A. Wilcox, one of the oldest Kent pioneer residents in the city, is confined to his bed through illness. Mr. Wilcox is 87 years old and before his present illness he claimed to feel almost as young as he ever did.

W. T. Campbell has not taken nor would he take orders for coal and wood on account of Fleming, Tillson & Co. All orders left at the old J. L. Scott office, Fifth street, will be filled as usual; phone 109.

Fire Chief Pritchard has issued the twenty-fourth building permit to W. J. Bennett, who will erect a one storey building 12 x 24 on lots four and five on the north side of Thames street. The cost of the building will be \$100.

Rev. C. R. Carscallen, of Dresden, is in the city to-day on his way to Toronto, where he will attend the meeting of the Mission Board of the Methodist church. Mr. Carscallen has been preaching in the Northwest for the past three years. Last year he was stationed at Frank, and this year he has been working in the district around Okotoks. He has decided to enter the Foreign Mission field and will go to China, where he will direct his future efforts.

## The Letter-Box

CHATHAM SEWERS.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—This city seems always to have an apparently insolvable sewer problem on hand. If it does not happen to be at that famous William and King Sts. crossing, it is in half a dozen other places. In thinking over the problem I have become convinced that the conclusion I arrived at on the question years ago is the only true reason for all our difficulties. I may be wrong, but with your kind permission I will give those reasons for the consideration of my fellow-citizens.

It has always seemed to me that the trouble is inherent owing, partly to our low elevation, but principally to the system upon which our sewer plan has been constructed.

Perhaps the style of the beginning of the system was owing to the fact of the first engineers never having grasped the idea of Chatham ever becoming a city; and I suppose succeeding engineers were almost compelled to continue the original system.

At the last Council meeting they spoke of the idea of finding sufficient fall for drainage owing to the fact of the land along the margin of both the Thames river and McGregor's creek being higher than at some distance back. It is upon this fact, and the rise of the river in freshets, that I have drawn my conclusions.

When a farmer goes to drain his land he always looks for the lowest line in it, and then digs his main drain along that line and runs the drains from the higher land into that drain. But in Chatham the engineers have reversed the system, and have been endeavoring to, as it were, drain the low land into the high parts. Of course, the river, when normal, is the lowest line, but to my mind they have taken the wrong and most expensive way to reach it.

The battle of Mobile Bay, when one of Farragut's fleet was sunk by a torpedo, the cry went up, "There are torpedoes!" Farragut at once signalled, "Damn the torpedoes; push to the front!" In like manner, our engineers, when the high ground was pointed out, must have said, "Damn the high grounds, dig for the river!" as we find the sewers everywhere pointing by the shortest out for that outlet.

The consequence is, we find sewers as at William St., about 19 feet deep, with all the enormous cost of such deep construction, and the result is that we have the flow of sewage stopped as soon as the river rises a few feet, as the river water fills all the sewers, and we also have the sewage and river water pushed through the cellar drains into cellars, with all the cost and danger to health which that implies.

This, I think, will be admitted to be a very fair statement of our present condition. Now, what I have thought should have been done years ago, is that the lowest line of ground in Chatham should have been selected for a great trunk sewer running westerly into the river, and all other sewers should have been drained into it. These lateral sewers should have been started at a proper depth to drain all cellars and they would require little or no increase in depth over the natural slope of the land to give instead of having each a number of deep outlets for sewage and equally convenient inlets for river water, we should have no open sewers at either the river or creek, but the one trunk outlet, and that outlet could have been so protected by flood gates, and kept clear by a pump the Chatham would not now be flooded with filthy water every spring. And it seems to me that the cost of this system would have been

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Colder weather is just around the corner. Saturday is the first Bargain Day of October and the things you need get ready for winter with are here, at saving prices for you. New seasonable goods at such positively low prices will surely appeal to the Wise, Thrifty and Economical. Come Saturday

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Fine, soft, fleecy finish, stripes, 20 to 26 in. wide, special a yard 9c, 8c and 5c.

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