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### THE CIVIC AUDIT.

While there is no doubt that the City Council acted wisely last evening in taking time to consider the cause and cost of employing an expert auditor to thoroughly examine the city's books and finances and submit a report showing the exact standing of the municipality, The Planet strongly believes that the movement is a step in the right direction. Only a few days ago this journal voiced the sentiments of very many outspoken and representative citizens when it suggested this course, and the Mayor's business-like recommendation in his inaugural address was a source of satisfaction to the ratepayers.

The cost entailed should not be heavy in view of the results to be secured. It was evident from the discussion last evening that none of the Council are aware of just where and how the city stands financially—not even the chairman of the Finance Committee during the past year. And it was stated that even a reference to the treasurer's books would not give the desired information without a very extensive examination.

This is not a satisfactory situation from a business standpoint. And it seems hardly a debatable point that, if an expert audit can be secured at a reasonable cost, it should be done at once. A full and proper audit is, almost invariably, followed by some timely suggestions and advice as to methods, the adoption of which would prove such a saving as would soon defray the cost of the investigation and prove a safeguard against getting again into the hazy atmosphere of uncertainty in which the Council now finds itself in reference to the municipal rating.

In addition, it would let the taxpayers know just where they stand—and that is what they are anxious to find out just now.

### MUNICIPAL HEATING.

In another column of to-day's Planet ex-Mayor T. A. Smith writes volunteering to open a subscription list for the purpose of securing fuel for the needy poor during the present crisis. And his action is endorsed by the conditions of fuel famine currently reported.

The Planet is not an alarmist, but the situation is certainly so acute as to cause thinking men to devise some system of protecting themselves and their fellows against emergencies at a minimum expense.

Is municipal heating a feasible enterprise?

It was recently pointed out in the Hamilton Spectator that, some twelve or fifteen years ago, a few men in the fashionable part of Belleville, Illinois, conceived the plan of heating their residences from a central steam plant, and it proved to be so successful that they extended it to the heating of their business houses and offices.

The system not only furnished heat, but also hot water for bathrooms and for the home laundries. Although Belleville is in the coal regions of Illinois and can get its supply at the lowest prices, yet the people found it cheaper to heat their homes from the central station; and then they were free from the care and dirt of furnaces. Now, Belleville has three or more steam heating plants, and nearly every house owner in the little city uses it.

A professor in the Ann Arbor (Michigan) university says that the steam wasted in the factories in Detroit would heat all the residences in that city. He planned the steam heating plant for Ann Arbor, and has, as one of his studies in the university, a course in practical steam heating. He says that for \$4 a year a room ten feet square, with walls ten feet high, can be heated; that water from a central station is better than water from an ordinary furnace, for its heating power is greater. The water can be pumped a mile without any appreciable loss in heat.

Several of the small towns in Illinois have installed plants for steam heating, and in not a single case has the system fallen short of what was expected of it; and nearly all of them are connected with the electric lighting stations, where the boilers are run during the day for heating, and at night the exhaust steam does the work without extra cost for fuel. A uniform temperature is kept up for water pumped under pressure can be heated to 250 degrees, and it loses only 40 per cent. in its return to the boilers.

Two or three years ago the idea of furnishing heat from a central point was also discussed in the columns of the Woodstock Express by a well-known business man of that city, who seemed convinced that the proposal was practicable.

Since then, however, so far as The Planet is aware, nothing more has been heard of it.

This is a great pity. What a blessing it would be this winter if the householder in Chatham could heat his house by simply opening a valve in a steam-pipe, just as he can secure his water supply by turning a tap in the water-pipe. If the people of Belleville, Ill., are able to enjoy the blessing, why not the people of Chatham?

The city has now an energetic Mayor and a capable Council pledged to municipal development and progress. Here is a suggestion for them. Heat is as much a human necessity as water or light. Why not let us have municipal heating?

The matter is worthy of consideration. Sooner or later municipal heating is likely to come; let it be sooner, so that we may all enjoy the privilege.

### Snowballs Brought Water.

"Speaking of drinking water," said one of a group of men waiting for a shower to pass over, "the best I ever drank was on my uncle's farm."

"We lived on top of a clay hill and had a well very deep, sixty feet, I reckon, but it never had any water in it until ten years ago. A heavy snow fell that winter, and uncle filled the well with snow. He rolled up balls until they were large enough to go into the well cleverly and then dumped them in until it was packed to the top. They were packed so closely that they did not melt until late the following summer, but when they did they produced a supply of water I never saw surpassed for purity, softness or coolness. It was delicious."

"Strange to say, this well, always dry before, has produced a plentiful supply since. The water, while not as good as that from the snowballs, is still excellent and celebrated throughout the neighborhood."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### THE LOCAL BUDGET

Manson Campbell went to Detroit Saturday.

Sam. Hungerford, of London, was in the city yesterday.

W. E. Campbell, of Detroit, spent Sunday in the city.

W. D. Higgins, of Thamesville, was in the city Saturday.

John Flook and four of his men left for Windsor yesterday.

S. L. Underwood, of London, is a Chatham visitor today.

Henry Gillet and J. Gillet, of Oungah, have gone to Detroit.

Fred Dillon, of Chicago, is visiting at his former home here.

R. McLeod, of Wallaceburg, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

Alex. Cranston, of Ridgeway, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

Chas. Lendon and son, of Wallaceburg, were in the city on Saturday.

J. P. Burns and M. C. Doyle, of Sarnia, were visitors in the city yesterday.

F. M. Holmes, of Leamington, called on his Chatham friends on Saturday.

J. H. Drew and J. S. Hickey, of Merlin, were Chatham guests on Saturday.

Mr. Crombe, of Detroit, spent Sunday in the city the guest of George Stephens.

Dr. J. H. Knight, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday on professional business.

Probate of the will of the late Peter J. Uzelle has been granted to the Rev. J. R. Battisby.

Herb. McPherson, who has been spending a few days in town, went to Buffalo Saturday.

To rent—A room 20 x 36, on second floor over Cowan's Shoe Store. Apply to Geo. W. Cowan.

The Young Men's Literary Society of St. Joseph's Church will hold a pedo party on Friday evening, January 16th.

Mrs. Jean Blewett was in the city yesterday on her home in Toronto.

Mrs. Blewett has been visiting for some time at her former home in Blenheim.

Mrs. Weslow, of New York, who has been visiting Mrs. James W. Carwell, Park St., for the past three months, returned to her home on Saturday.

C. H. Gunn sang a solo, "The Shepherd of the Flock," in St. Andrew's Church Sunday evening.

The contracts for the new store fronts for I. Taylor and J. Thompson, King St., have been let to Robert Cucksey. The property is owned by K. Urquhart.

The death occurred Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hospital, of Mrs. John Tyndall, of Bloomfield, aged 24 years. The deceased leaves a husband and a three weeks old baby. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the residence of Geo. Tyndall, Kendall St., near Park Ave. West.

### VALUE OF TESTIMONY

#### Greater Than Assertion.

There is none of us so hardened but that where we have been able to aid our fellow creatures by conferring a benefit or bringing a little comfort into their lives we like to have appreciation shown. This generally affords more pleasure than the performance of the act itself, and in this connection the following letter from a Texas lady is of more than usual interest:

"Dear Friends,—I address you as such, for you have been such to me. I suffered for three years off and on with piles. I was treated at the hospital, and the new and elegant hospital, of Memphis; they only gave me temporary relief. I came west thinking the change of air and water would benefit me; five months ago the bleeding piles came back on me, and bled so much that I thought I would die."

"I have had four of the finest doctors in this section of Texas; all they did was to finally nearly let me go to my grave; all they wanted was a big sum of money from me and to operate on me. I sat in no surgeon's knife would enter me; if it was my time to die God knew it, and when I died I would die all together."

"I began hearing about your medicine. I had no faith in you, but I sent and got a box of your Pyramid Pile Cure; in two days the blood flow had slackened to one-half the amount, and in one week I felt so much better I walked four blocks and did a little housework. I was not bleeding then; in three weeks I was well."

"God bless you for putting such a wonderful medicine within the reach of suffering men and women. I shall never cease to recommend your medicine or be without it; also I used your Pyramid Pile. Sallie A. Hearn, Paris, Texas."

Testimony like this, (for the genuineness of which we vouch), should be more convincing than all claims and assertions, and should leave no doubt in the mind of the reader as to the merit of the remedy. Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by druggists for fifty cents a package, or will be mailed by the makers to any address upon receipt of price. Write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their book on cause and cure of Piles.

### Usually the Way.

"Did they make much money at the fancy fair?"

"Yes, indeed, and all because 'he prices were so unfair.'"

### Fickle Fame.

Oh, fame's a fair and fickle thing,  
Though still its smile's entrancing,  
Yet he that makes a fiddle sing  
May set a world to dancing!

### Particulars Desired.

Biggs—Say, can I sell you a good horse?

Diggs—Don't know. What is the matter with the animal?

### Xmas.

Why Christmas is spelt X-mas  
Is plain as plain can be—  
It takes a mass of X's  
To fill the X-mas tree.

Ragged clothes quickly—that's what common soaps with "premiums" cost; but

**SUNLIGHT SOAP** REDUCES EXPENSE  
Ask for the Octagon Bar

At the Crossroads.  
"Yes, he was lynched on his birthday."  
"What a coincidence!"

The Parlor Match.  
Referring to the parlor match.  
The wisest thing, no doubt,  
That may be done with it will be  
To merely put it out.

Too Peaceful.  
"Dey is brothers, ain't dey?"  
"I guess not. I never seed 'em fight in."

Aglow.  
Now comes the time of wintry snow  
Which poets sing with glad acclaim.  
Then youthful cheeks will be aglow;  
I hope the stoves will be the same.  
—Washington Star.

**PILEKONE PILLS.**  
A POSITIVE CURE FOR PILES.  
OPINIONS LEADING PHYSICIANS.  
I have examined Strong's Pilekone and have prescribed it in my practice with satisfactory results. J. M. PIER, M. D., SON, M. D., Coroner, London.

W. T. STRONG, Manufacturing Chemist, London, Ontario.  
Price, \$1.00. For sale by druggists.

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**THE MAGI CALEDONIA WATERS**  
were not good. See the word  
MAGI on every bottle.

Sold Everywhere

**J. J. McLaughlin**  
Sole Agent  
TORONTO

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

The man in a man can only be recognized by the woman in a woman.

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## Stock-Taking Specials for Wednesday.

500 Yards Good, Heavy Shaker Flannel, 28 in. wide, in large variety of stripe patterns, light and dark colorings, worth 6c. yard, Wednesday price 4c.

10c. and 12 1/2c. Wrapperettes at 7c. Yard—8 pieces good quality wrapperette, in stripes and checks and floral patterns, for waist saques or wrap, regular 10c and 12 1/2c. yard, Wednesday price 7c.

2 Pieces Heavy Stripe Feather Ticking, superior quality, wide width, regular 25c yard, Wednesday price 18c.

2 Pieces Plain and Fancy Dress Goods, Cheviots, Serges, Tweeds, Hosiery, Zebelines, silk and wool mixtures, 44 to 56 in. wide, regular 75c, 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, Wednesday price 49c.

22 Pieces Dress Goods, wide widths, in plain and fancy, regular price 35c, 50c, 65c and 75c yard, clearing Wednesday at 25c.

10c. Crash Towelling at 7c. Yard—200 yards fine, heavy, pure Irish Crash Towelling, half bleach finish, 17 in. wide, the best 10c quality, Wednesday price 7c.

\$2.25 Wrapperettes at \$1.48—15 only, Ladies' Fine, Flannel Wrappers, handsome patterns and colorings, prettily made and trimmed, regular \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25, clearing Wednesday at \$1.48.

2 dozen pair men's heavy Astrachan Gauntlets, black curl, leather facings, wool lined, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 a pair, clearing Wednesday at \$1.00.

50 Undershirts at 33c—2 dozen only

## Ladies' Hats 63c

4 Doz. Ladies' Handsome Ready-to-Wear Hats, very Pretty Styles, Assorted Colors, regular \$1 to \$2 Each, Wed'y Price, 63c.

men's extra heavy all wool undershirts, soft elastic knit, double front, special at 50c each, Wednesday price 33c.

25c Sateens at 12 1/2c—300 yards rich mercedized sateens, bright silky finish, in choice range of patterns and colorings, regular 20c, 25c and 30c a yard, clearing Wednesday at 12 1/2c.

Heavy rib hose at 25c pair—20 dozen pair heavy soft wool rib hose, sizes 5 to 10 inches, special a pair 25c.

Ladies' Golf Waists, fine Jersey knit, wool trimmed with gilt buttons, assorted sizes, in colors white, cardinal, navy and black, special each \$1.75.

Hundreds of other special bargains fully as inviting as the above list await you at the cash store Wednesday morning. Remember the time to come for these goods is when they are advertised.

STRICTLY THE NORTHWAY COMPANY, Ltd. ONE LOWEST PRICE

## GIGANTIC CLOTHING SALE

COMMENCED YESTERDAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Watch our advertisement for Special Announcements.....

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3 Doors West from Market.  
King Street, CHATHAM....

## S WEEPING Bargain SALE

At WESTMAN BROS.

20 per cent. Discount  
Off all JEWEL BASEBURNERS AIR TIGHT and other HEATERS  
Also off HORSE BLANKETS of all kinds, ROBES, GRAIN BAGS, STOVE BOARDS, LANTERNS.  
Don't forget the place for Bargains.

## WESTMAN BROS.

Big Hardware and Implement House, CHATHAM

Real difficulties are the best cure of imaginary ones; because God helps us in the real ones and so make us ashamed of the other.

First Woman A limited.

The first woman admitted by King Edward to the Imperial Service Order is Miss M. C. Smith, who superintends the woman's branch of the savings bank department in the general postoffice. Miss Smith has been in the service for nearly thirty years, having been a pioneer in the movement for employing women in the postoffice. She began with a staff of about 20 girls, and now has 900.

The average Scotchman weighs 165 pounds, the Welshman, 158 pounds; the Englishman, 156 pounds, and the Irishman, 154 pounds.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

The man in a man can only be recognized by the woman in a woman.

The Bell Telephone Co., of Canada.

A New Issue of the Subscribers' Directory

For the District of Western Ontario, including the Chatham Exchange, will be issued early in September. Orders for new connections, changes of address, changes of names, duplicate entry of names, etc., should be placed at once to ensure their appearance.

F. D. LAURIE, Local Manager

HAM AND EGGS....

We carry a stock of Fine Potatoes, Jellies and Baking Powders.

....Ham and Eggs Fresh....

A. B. SELVEY

WE HAVE JUST SOLD THE ...

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### FISH.

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### MEATS.

Sugar Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Roiled Spiced Bacon, Long Clear Bacon, Bologna Sausage, Wiener Sausage, Frankford Sausage, Blood Pudding.

All goods delivered promptly

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Our Order's record in the past is an inspiration giving us unbounded confidence in its future. We have made glad the hearts of thousands of bereaved widows and children, and no member should be an idler in the field of our philanthropy.

Let us make an effort at the very beginning of the year to secure desirable candidates.

Meeting every Friday evening.

Visiting brothers welcome.

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M. W. Recorder,

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Minion Dash and Met.

Closed—250 Men Out

Catharines, Jan. 12.—

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### THE MARKET REVIEW

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Toronto St. Lawrence

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