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## THE LOCAL BUDGET

John Smith has returned from his western trip.

O'Brien Bros. shipped 5,000 Quail on coast to Wallenburg today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott returned to the city yesterday after visiting friends in Amherstburg.

Roy Benson returns to-night to Toronto, where he will resume his studies in McMaster University.

Miss Bella Atkinson, a graduated nurse from St. Luke's Hospital, New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rennie, William Street.

Ed. Donagan, cashier for the Algoma Central R. R., St. Paul, Minn., is calling on his old friends in this city.

It is rumored that oil has been struck on the farm of Duncan McRitchie, lot 19, concession 10, Raleigh Township.

Anderson Nickerson left this evening for Chicago, where he will resume his medical studies at the Chicago University.

Miss Ida Powell has returned to Mount Forest, the residential suburb of Chicago, where Miss Powell is a teacher in the public school.

Dunn & Merritt have sold Mrs. Geo. R. Young's house and lot on Wellington Street west to J. J. Donovan, formerly of Harwich, price \$1300.

Just arrived at Snell's Fair, a lovely line of China; a little late arriving, so we mark them close for the Holiday Trade. Secure one of these bargains.

The Utica Globe for to-day contains a very graphic account and description of the Waukegan wreck, with many illustrations. Chrysler Bros. agents.

Dunn & Merritt have sold the house and lot on Joseph Street belonging to Frank and George Scott to Daniel Edwards, of Thessville, price being \$1500.

Miss Stacey, a graduate of the Public General Hospital, has returned to her professional duties in Chicago after spending Christmas with Chatham relatives.

Charlie Humphrey, a young fellow employed at the S. Hadley Co., had his hand caught in the sand drum this morning and badly lacerated. Dr. Bell, of Dr. Hall & Bell, dressed the wound.

Mr. Lowe will sing two solos at Park Street Methodist church to-morrow. In the morning he will sing "A Clean Heart," and in the evening "A Song of Praise." This will be Mr. Lowe's last Sunday in the city.

## REGIMENT ORDERS

Chatham, Jan. 3rd, 1903.  
Headquarters 24th "Kent" Regiment.  
Regimental orders

by

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, commanding.

1. The regiment will parade in Divine service order with capes, at the Drill shed Sunday, Jan. 11th, at 10 o'clock sharp, to attend Christ church.

Roll call at 10.30 sharp. Additional capes expected in time for this parade.

2. The Commanding Officer has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—  
To be Serg't. Drum Major—Acting Drum Major Douglas.

3. Captains of Companies are requested to complete the establishment of non-commissioned officers.

4. The Serg't. Major will parade defaulcers on Monday, Jan. 12th, at 8 o'clock, p. m., at the mess rooms.

By Order,  
W. A. COLTART, Jr.,  
1st Lieutenant,  
Acting Adjutant.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff, where.

## A Chamois Vest

Is the best preventative there is from a cold on the lungs, and every person should wear one.  
We have them in many different styles and in price from \$1.50 to \$3.00.  
Or a Chest Protector is also good. These are made of different material, and are lower in price. We have them from 10c. up.

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CHATHAM. Druggists and Opticians. DRESDEN

## LETTER BOX

### AN OPEN LETTER.

G. G. Martin, Esq., Chatham, Ont.  
Dear Sir,—I am glad that on Monday next I shall have the privilege of casting my vote for you, which I surely will if spared to go to the poll. I remain yours,  
O. B. HULLIN.  
Chatham, Jan. 2nd, 1903.

## THEIR VIEWS

**Ald. Taylor and McCoig Give Their Opinion in Reference to Bicycle Legislation.**

Aldermen McCoig and Taylor called upon The Planet this afternoon and gave the following interview in reference to the dodger which was sent to the different wheelmen of the city to-day. One of the clauses of the dodger was:—

"Amongst the candidates for election are Messrs. Mounteer, McCoig, Taylor and Snook. These gentlemen absolutely refuse to make any concession whatever to those using the wheel, who by their unreasonable attitude on this question, show that they are not qualified to look after the city's interests in other matters of progress and it would be to the interest of many citizens if they were elected to stay at home."

Both Mr. Taylor and Mr. McCoig stated that they were not in favor of allowing bicyclists the privilege of riding on the sidewalks as they consider that the making such a by-law would get the city into no end of trouble and law suits—which they have endeavored to avoid in the past through people getting injured by careless and reckless riders. Law suits are very undesirable things, and incur heavy expense whether the case is won or not. In the action of Stevens vs. the city, tried a short time ago, the city won the case, but it cost them about \$500. "No doubt there are some people who exercise carefulness in riding. There are some cautious men who would use every precaution if this concession were granted and we are very sorry to have to deprive them of the privilege on account of others, who would be very careless and not financially responsible. In case of damage done then, the city would have to stand the loss."

As far as they were personally concerned, both gentlemen were willing to contribute liberally towards building a cinder path or roadway where bicyclists could ride without interfering with the safety of women and children.

Both aldermen regretted that the wheelmen had taken this action at such a late hour when there was no opportunity to reason the matter out, but they hoped that the dodger did not contain the sentiments of all the wheelmen of the city.

Ald. Mounteer called us up this afternoon to say that the above sentiments were his in their entirety.

A. O. U. W.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen relieves the destitute and protects the home.

Bro. United Workmen, don't forget. The election of officers for 1903 takes place on Friday evening, Dec. 26th. A large attendance is requested. Refreshments.

Visiting brothers welcome.  
W. G. ARNOLD, JOHN R. SNELL,  
M. W. Recorder

Minard's Liniment for Sale Everywhere.

Women are like ivy; they cling to ruins. But that is no reason why you should ruin yourself for any woman under the sun.

## FOR SALE

Two houses and two lots on Grey Street, each house contains parlor, dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen and pantry down stairs, and three bedrooms and hall upstairs. He will offer these places for one week only at the ridiculously low price of \$550 each.

DUNN & MERRITT,

FIFTH ST. 1st Door from King St.

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.

ALEX. GREGORY, Sec.

F. D. LAURIE, W. M.

## OFFICIAL FACTS ARE STUBBORN

**Official Statement on City Wood Yard Shows a Deficit of Nearly \$100**

**Figures Secured from the City Treasurer's Books This Morning—Authentic Estimate.**

At the request of several ratepayers, who questioned the announcement that the deficit on the city wood-yard dealings was only \$11, The Planet this morning visited City Treasurer Fleming's office and secured the official figures for this committee's work.

The figures show that the city wood-yard business has cost the ratepayers \$98.90 in hard cash. This money has, according to the books of the city treasurer, been already paid out and is an official deficit to the account of this department.

Some explanation is due the ratepayers as a result of the announcement that the city was protected from loss by Ald. Cowan's cheque, which has now been returned, and Mayor Sulman's public assurance that the deficit was only \$11. Where did the balance go? There is no record of Ald. Cowan's loan in the city treasurer's books or statement of the wood-yard account. It was the general funds of the city which were expended and which have suffered the loss of \$98.90.

The figures as taken from Mr. Fleming's books are as follows:—

RECEIPTS.  
Oct. 28, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Oct. 31, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Nov. 1, received from W. G. Merritt \$25.  
Nov. 8, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Nov. 18, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Nov. 20, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Nov. 25, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Dec. 5, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Dec. 11, received from W. G. Merritt \$50.  
Dec. 26, received from W. G. Merritt \$26.14.

PAID OUT.  
Oct. 15, freight, \$17.25.  
Oct. 15, R. W. Baxter, \$86.40.  
Oct. 17, J. C. Richards, \$9.00.  
Oct. 22, J. C. Richards, \$9.00.  
Oct. 22, R. W. Baxter, \$56.00.  
Nov. 4, W. N. Thompson, \$47.25.  
Nov. 4, R. W. Baxter, \$56.25.  
Nov. 7, freight, \$44.19.  
Nov. 7, J. C. Richards, \$19.50.  
Nov. 7, Wm. Fleming, \$68.00.  
Nov. 7, Theo. Simpson, \$45.25.  
Dec. 12, J. C. Richards, \$9.00.  
Dec. 15, J. C. Richards, \$9.00.  
Dec. 22, Rev. Mr. Eady, \$6.00.  
Dec. 22, J. C. Richards, \$12.00.  
Dec. 31, Hadley Co., \$4.00.  
Dec. 31, R. W. Baxter, \$20.95.  
Total, \$572.04.

Total disbursements, \$572.04.  
Total receipts, \$473.14.  
Net deficit—\$98.90.

Paid out by city over and above cash received, \$98.90.

This morning, City Treasurer Fleming received \$2 from the sale of the wood-measuring rack. This makes the deficit shown on the treasurer's books \$2 less, in all \$96.90.

## WHERE TO VOTE

The polling places on Monday are as follows:

polling sub-division No. 1—Thompson's wagon shop, north side Head Street, Jos. Northwood deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 2—Henry Marshall's grocery, corner of Head and Thames Street, John Rice deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 3—Police Station, Robert Brunker deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 4—W. F. Cornish's store, corner of Murray and Adelaide Street, Isaac Smith deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 5—Residence of Mrs. Henry Ritchie, north side Osborne Street, David Holmes deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 6—C. T. Cherry's grocery corner of King and Princess Streets, W. O. Bentley deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 7—Old Town Hall, Arthur Richardson deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 8—Gordon's Tailors, north side Fifth Street, James Richardson deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 9—J. & J. Odershaw's corner of north side King Street, Arthur Dunn, deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 10—James Rhody's grocery, corner of Cross and Raleigh Streets, C. R. Hancock deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 11—Willard McKay's store, corner of Richmond and Queen Streets, John Turner deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 12—Mrs. Calmeyer's residence, corner of Grey and Queen Streets, John R. Snell deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 13—Abe Savage's, west side William Street, W. A. Wilson deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 14—Waterhouse's bakery, James C. Richards, deputy returning officer.

polling sub-division No. 15—Patrick Kelly's residence, corner of Pine Street and Park Avenue, William Sloan deputy returning officer.

## A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER.

North Grey Voter Says He Was Paid \$25 by a Midnight Visitor.

Owen Sound, Jan. 3.—At a mass meeting in the interests of Mr. G. M. Boyd last night in the Town Hall here a new phase of the affidavit and declaration habit was exhibited. Lewis Graham of the Township of Sarawak, residing in the polling subdivision known as Brooke, made a declaration, which was read at the meeting, to the effect that he was aroused out of his sleep on New Year's night about 11 o'clock. He went to the door and a stranger asked if he would not vote on his side, and in reply to a question, said he was a Liberal. In answer to this Graham declared he was always a Conservative. The declaration states that Graham lit a lamp and both went into the house, and shortly afterwards the stranger gave him \$25. The visitor called himself Melms. Graham in his declaration also says that his son Victor saw the proceedings, and that upon another occasion in the present contest two other sons were offered money to vote Liberal.

## FIRE IN NORTH SYDNEY, C.B.

Lane Block Entirely Destroyed—Practically Nothing Saved.

North Sydney, C.B., Jan. 3.—The Lane Block, corner of Commercial and King Streets, was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday. The building was occupied by Kavanagh's candy kitchen, jewelry store of D. W. Pilkington, city bookstore of Brenton R. Rice, who is now with North Sydney curling team in Halifax, and by Rice's photographic studio. The building was owned by Rev. W. G. Lane, pastor of Yarmouth Methodist Church. It carries between \$2,000 and \$3,000 insurance, which, of course, does not cover the value. Little or nothing was saved. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## SOFT COAL HIGHER.

Over Eight Dollars a Ton Wholesale in New York.

New York, Jan. 3.—The price of soft coal has again advanced, reaching \$8.40. This is the wholesale price, freightage not included. The price for anthracite averages \$10 a ton to the consumer.

## NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade Would Like Some Particulars.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—Several meetings of the Winnipeg Board of Trade have been held during the past two weeks for the discussion of a motion introduced by A. Methune, declaring against Government aid to the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Railways for Pacific coast extensions. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was voted down, and the following amendments passed: Resolved, that the board welcome with pleasure the prospect of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway building to this country, but not be bound to it.

## Buildings Swallowed.

Seranton, Pa., Jan. 3.—An explosion and cave-in, caused by the settling of the Delaware and Hudson mine workings, occurred at Olyphant, a few miles north of here. J. W. O'Brien's hotel and the residence of Mrs. Mary Evans, adjoining, were swallowed up. The buildings took fire as they sank. It is feared that the Lackawanna River will overflow into the cavern and cause mine floods. So far as is known no one was killed.

## Turks Lost Fifteen.

Constantinople, Jan. 2.—In a recent fight between Bulgarians and Turkish troops at the Village of Drenovo, in the Monastir district, fifteen of the latter were killed or wounded. The Turkish commander was among the killed. The Bulgarians, who were barricaded in a house, also sustained losses, but the survivors escaped.

## TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Another all well has been struck in Raleigh Township.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's complete restoration to health is announced.

The death is reported from Bloemfontein of Capt. F. H. Vercoe of Toronto.

Three men were killed and a dozen injured by an explosion in a Pottsville, Pa., mine.

It is announced that neither Russia nor Austria contemplates intervention in Macedonia.

Hamilton carpenters will demand 30 cents an hour and a nine-hour day, beginning April 1 next.

All the patients at Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., who were hurt at Waukegan are progressing favorably.

Hon. J. R. Stratton will speak at Stratford this evening, and Mr. J. P. Whitney at Milverton in the afternoon.

John Keraban, the Derwent farmer who was stricken with paralysis while unloading cordwood at London, Ont., is dead.

The coroner's jury at Montreal brought in a verdict holding Engineer Bird responsible for the Victoria bridge collision.

The trial judges decided that all the evidence in the South Oxford election case be presented to the Court of Appeal.

The result of the Newmarket by-election, in which C. D. Rose, a Canadian born, is the Liberal candidate, will be known to-day.

William Cook of Halifax will not be executed on January 31 for the murder of his wife, the sentence having been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Over eleven hundred square miles of timber areas in Newfoundland have just passed into the hands of a Boston syndicate at a purchase price of \$250,000.

Robert Smith, a farmer who resides near Mount Hope, Glanford Township, was recently overpowered by masked men at night and tarred and feathered.

Chief Justice McGuire of the Northwest Territories has resigned, and will be succeeded by Hon. A. L. Sifton, Commissioner of Public Works in the Territories Government.

## Children's Shoes THAT FIT.



Quite a novelty—most of them don't; we make it a point to carry a much greater variety of widths and styles and sizes that can be found in most stores. Consequently, we are sure of being able to fit perfectly any child's foot; besides having special shoes for children who "toe in" or have weak ankles or flat feet. Also shoes built on a foundation that keep the feet warm and dry. If you investigate you'll find prices are no higher than are asked elsewhere for poorer shoes—and less kinds to choose from.

Rubbers, Plain or warm wool lined to fit all the different shaped shoes.

**Geo. W. Cowan**  
Chatham.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Dining room girl. Apply Merrill House.

AGENTS WANTED—\$2.50 per day. Apply, Cooper, London.

WANTED—A good girl. Apply to Mrs. John A. Morton, Third Street.

WANTED—A position as Engineer, Fireman or Assistant Electrician. Address W. M. B. Planet.

WANTED—Competent men to appoint agents whole or spare time. Commission paid. Apply John Doyle, Drawer 531, London.

GIRL WANTED—To do general housework in small family. (No children. Highest wages paid to competent person. One 25 or 30 years old, preferring a permanent home preferred. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE—Cheap, three coal stoves. Apply A. W. Thornton.

ROOMS TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms and board, with use of bath. Apply Box 60, Planet.

HOUSE TO RENT—On Grant Street. Apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria Block.

FOR SALE—Double barreled breech loading Shotgun, 12 gauge, English make, case, cleaning rod, etc. A. G. McKay, Planet Office.

LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Ave., and six lots on Maple St. Apply to Mrs. Tiesman, Victoria Block, or the Planet.

FOR SALE—Delaware fruit and stock farms, healthy climate, mild winters, good markets, productive land. Catalogue free. J. R. McGonigal, Dover, Del.

FOR SALE—A few good farms, also some desirable houses and lots in the city at low prices and easy terms of payment. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King Street.

TO RENT—A brick store with dwelling above, in Port Alma. Possession given at once. For further particulars address Samuel Cooper, Port Alma.

HOUSE WANTED—I wish to purchase a house. Title must be perfect. Price low for spot cash. Bring full particulars to 135 Lorne Ave.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—House, now occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. H. Ripley, 15 King St.

HOUSE TO RENT—No 75 West Street, house vacated by Mr. Paul, of the Dowley Works, modern conveniences, hot and cold water, bath, Kelsey furnace, gas cooking, etc., immediate possession.—W. S. Marshall, Lacroix Street.

The Strictly One Price Store

C. AUSTIN & CO

Chatham's Greatest Store.

## DRESSMAKING

Miss Morrison has returned from Toronto and will be ready to take your orders Monday morning. We might say much regarding the many tributes that have been paid to Miss Morrison's high class work this past season, we prefer you to come in personally and see the superior work she is doing, ascertain the moderate prices charged, and if satisfied leave your order. Be it high or little it will have careful attention. Remember we guarantee all work to be satisfactory.

## SPECIAL PRICES in CORSETS

For TO-NIGHT and MONDAY

66 pairs of D. & A. and E. T. Corsets, odd sizes, in a number of what have been the most popular lines, but which are now being cut out by the manufacturers.

These sizes only in the lot, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. None in the lot sold less than \$1.00—clearing price, 75c.

## Printed COTTON Stuffs

For Our JANUARY SALE

500 yards Fancy Mercerized Satanas Underprice

Before stocktaking we are going to clear out all odd lines, so as to give plenty of room for the new spring materials. The cost of these goods is no object to us. "THEY MUST BE CLEARED OUT."

For To-night and all Next Week

Printed Mercerized Sateens at 15c. a yard

**DESCRIPTION** About 30 pieces, representing about 500 yards of very choice Satanas for house wrappers, waists and street costumes. Purple, navy, black and cardinal groundwork with fancy floral effects, small and large stripes, polka dots and scroll designs. Were sold regularly at 20c, 25c, 30c, and 35c. a yd. To clear we place them on our counters at

...15c. per yard...

SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.....

## MOTHERS' TWEED SUIT STORM REEFER or DRESS OVERCOAT

At our JANUARY CLEARING SALE

Regular values up to \$5.00. Sizes for ages 5 to 16 years.

See East King Street Show Window for Samples.



Men's and Boy's Special Kid Gloves, lined, 50c  
Men's and Boys' Special Swede Mitts, lined, 50c  
Men's Handsome Silk Neckwear, 50c qualities clearing at 25c  
Boys' fleece lined and union Underwear, values up to 40c at 25c  
Men's Shaped Mufflers, very special at 50c  
Men's high-class fine wool Underwear, unshrinkable, nice light blue shading, \$1.25 lines at all sizes \$1.00

## A MAN'S PANT BARGAIN

Of all-wool Heavy Tweeds and Heavy Black and Blue all-wool Serges, extra quality, all-sizes at \$1.50

## C. Austin & Co.

The Leading and Reliable Clothiers