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My first year in business in Chatham will be completed this week, and a very successful year it has been. The increase month after month is larger than I ever anticipated, and the most satisfactory thing about it is the fact that while adding new customers right along I have retained all the old friends of the store. To their trade and recommendation I attributed much of the success of the past year. I appreciate their good-will and take advantage of this opportunity to thank them for it. No effort will be spared to merit a continuance of it during the years to come.

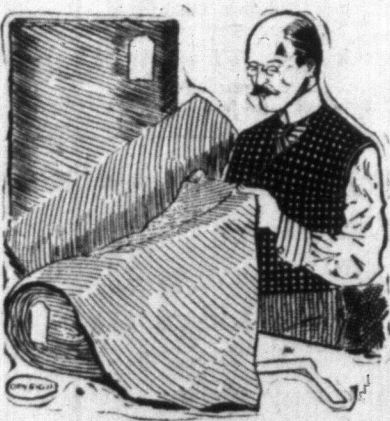
We celebrate our first anniversary with a general remodeling of the interior of the store. The new furnishings in oak make it one of the handsomest stores in this section. Further improvements are in contemplation during the coming year, and altogether it will give us a store fully equipped to meet the demands of our increasing trade.

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KENT COUNTY PARLIAMENT INAUGURATE BUSY SESSION

Discrepancies in the late Treasurer's Accounts—Government Auditor Points Out That Past Audits Have Been Faulty—Other Important Business.

As stated in The Planet at the time the shortage in ex-Treasurer Shambles' books was discovered, the discrepancy is all between the cash book and the land register. Parties in town owning land in the township have the privilege of paying their taxes to the County Treasurer.

Auditor McPherson stated at the County Council meeting that Mr. Shambles used to give a receipt for the amount and then enter it correctly in the land register. He, however, gave a receipt for a different amount to the County Clerk and his cash book showed the amount on the County Clerk's receipt, not the amount in the land register, which was the correct amount.

At the time, it was discovered that Romney Township was out \$2,000 and now it is learned that Dover is out nearly \$800. This amounts that the other townships will be short have not yet been made public, but it will total in the neighborhood of \$12,000, it is said.

The December sessions of the County Council opened in Harrison Hall Tuesday afternoon. Warden Rankin and Commissioners Sifton, Johns, McCoy, Somers, Crowder, Roycraft, Vester, VonGuten, Morrison, Ross, Robinson, Sturges and French were present.

Warden Rankin, in his opening address, said that it was a pleasure to see all the Commissioners present and in good health. There was nothing new to come before the session that the Warden was aware of. The auditors advised changing the system of land registration for one where any discrepancy could be more easily detected. The auditors didn't expect to have their official report ready before the January sessions. The Warden then invited all the Council to the annual banquet which will be held Thursday night, Dec. 4.

Mr. French—I would like to know what power the resolution we passed gave the auditors.

Mr. Sifton—I understand that the auditors are exceeding their powers.

Mr. French—That's what I called attention to. I understand they are going too far back.

The Warden—The provincial auditor told me that we had no control and they would go back as far as they found necessary.

Mr. McCoy—What do we want with an old rusty audit. We only have to do with the late treasurer. I hear the auditors are going away back into eternity to bring up old scores. We only want to know in what sums A. L. Shambles is indebted to the County.

The Warden—They are only going back in cases where they need to trace up something they don't understand. We can ask the auditors to address us.

Mr. Somers—I understand that when Mr. Shambles took office he had a set of new books. Then why do they go away back.

Mr. Sturges—I don't think they are

going back beyond the year 1891, when Mr. Shambles took office.

Mr. Vester—When you ask the Government for an audit, you put your books in the hands of the Government and the audit can go as far back as the Government desires.

On motion of Mr. VonGuten, seconded by Mr. Johns, Auditor McPherson was heard.

F. H. McPherson, of Windsor, the auditor, stated that the land register had been found to be the cause of all the trouble. With the system now in the County Treasurer's office, deficiencies could be carried along for years. With the system Mr. McPherson proposed to introduce, the debit and credit account showed on the same page and had to balance and the auditors would be able to tell each year if there were any discrepancies. The expense of the system was not so great as the system formerly used. The auditors would not go back beyond 11 years—Mr. Shambles' term of office—and the audit would not be as expensive as the last Government audit, which had exceeded \$2,200 all told. They would hurry the audit along as inexpensively as possible.

Mr. Somers—We are getting very uneasy.

Mr. McPherson—You needn't be.

Mr. Sifton—I understand that our county auditors say that they haven't seen the land registers since 1896.

Mr. McPherson—Their initials are on them.

Mr. Sifton—The auditors told me that they hadn't seen the land registers since 1896 and those initials must have been forged.

Mr. McPherson—This just proves the necessity for a complete audit. The manner in which the late treasurer operated was this. His office required the use of triplicate receipts. When a man came in to pay taxes on land in one of the townships he got a receipt. The treasurer gave a receipt also to the County Clerk and kept one for himself. The last two receipts corresponded, but they didn't correspond with the receipts given to the man who paid the money.

Mr. VonGuten—How do you find this out?

Mr. McPherson—By checking the receipts into the land register.

Mr. VonGuten—The Council's auditors claimed that they didn't get the land registers correct, but the treasurer brought them in one at a time and they had no chance of checking off. They would forget which books they had gone through. Their audit was one continued fight with the treasurer.

Mr. McPherson—They should have reported it to the Council. He saw, however, by the minutes that the auditors had endorsed Mr. Shambles as a careful and honest officer.

Mr. Sifton—Either the auditors didn't know their business or else they didn't do it when they did. One of the county auditors told me he hadn't seen the land register and the initials hadn't been put on by him.

Mr. McPherson—The land register had to be correct because searches were made in it nearly every day. It was absolutely necessary to have it right or the discrepancies would have been discovered.

Mr. VonGuten—Shouldn't each township keep its own land register?

Mr. McPherson—It would be better if the treasurer had nothing to do with the land register until the time is up to sell land for taxes. But I don't make the laws and you have the statute to go by.

Mr. VonGuten—Shouldn't the township treasurers see they get their money back.

Mr. McPherson—Certainly. My report will contain specifications and the county treasurers see they get their money back.

Mr. McPherson—The township auditors have found out this.

Mr. VonGuten—The auditors of Dover Township did find it out. The auditors asked the treasurer for a statement of the amount he had received. Their audit of the township's book showed a receipt of \$126 and the treasurer's statement showed over \$800. The difference was practically what Dover was behind, but the auditors didn't know how to proceed.

Mr. Johns—Is it true that the treasurer is not the only defaulter? I hear that county officials have been holding back money due the Council. I refer to the police magistrates.

Mr. McPherson—I can't say. Some was received today from this source. The dates were not attached so I do not know whether the money had been held back or not.

Mr. Johns—That just bears out my statement.

Mr. Morrison asked if it was necessary to appoint auditors in January or if the special audit would be sufficient.

Mr. McPherson agreed to close the books up to the end of the year, and that would be sufficient.

The Lake Erie Railroad wrote acknowledging receipt of the Council's vote of thanks for transportation furnished in June. Received.

The Prisoners' Aid Association wrote acknowledging receipt of \$10. Received.

Albert Cable wrote, asking for a pair of artificial legs. Referred to Finance.

D. C. Macdonald, treasurer of Wallaceburg, wrote asking receipt of \$31.40, expenses in sending lunatic to asylum. Referred to Finance.

It was moved by Mr. VonGuten, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that this Council learn with deep regret of the demise of the daughter of our member from B. S. Wells, Geo. Johns, and that we wish to express our sincere sym-

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pathy with our fellow member and his family in their sudden and sad bereavement.

Mr. Johns thanked the Council for the resolution. He could assure his colleagues that this was indeed a delicate subject and he felt the loss keenly. His daughter was personally known to most of the councillors, and she had been present at the last wardens' supper. It had been her intention to be present this year. She had been called away very suddenly. Mr. Johns had left her at 8 o'clock cheerful and in excellent spirits. He had been called back 20 minutes afterwards to find his daughter dying. Mr. Johns assured his colleagues in accents husky with feeling that the shock was more than the family could bear.

Mr. Morrison asked what lands the Council had from the treasurer and the clerk.

The Warden—We have personal bond from both. We deposited one copy with the solicitor and then we gave the clerk a copy of the treasurer's bond and to keep, and the treasurer a copy of the clerk's. The clerk has given his personal bond for \$1,000 and the treasurer his given personal bonds for \$5,000.

The new county clerk, James Gosnell, attended to his new duties in the Council chamber with satisfaction to everybody.

NO TENDERS

The Police Commissioners met yesterday morning to consider tenders for the plumbing required at the police station and also the tenders for the policemen's pants, but there were no tenders to consider. Judge Houston said the tailors always complained that the policemen were so big and it took so much stuff to make their pants that there was no profit in it. It seems, however, that times are prosperous now, and as tailors have all they can do, they don't bother tendering for policemen's pants, which they are expected to make up cheaper. A tender did come in after the Commissioners had adjourned. It will be considered at the next meeting.

Tenders were received for the pointing at the police station, but as the plumbing has to be done first, they were not opened.

The Police Commissioners, Judge Bell, Judge Houston and Mayor Sulman went over to the police station to see for themselves the repairs needed. Judge Bell said that the condition of the building was a disgrace to the city. After the sewer odors in the building had been met face to face, it was decided to get an architect to inspect the building and report on the necessary repairs. The specifications for repairs were made out by the late city engineer had secured the plumbers' list.

Mayor Sulman suggested that a bath should be put in and all prisoners washed. Judge Bell favored the idea.

It was decided to get the Property committee of the City Council to also inspect the building and concur with the Commissioners.

The Property committee were notified and promised to inspect the building at once.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Wiggell, late of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, widow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario," 1897, chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Elizabeth Wiggell, who died on or about the sixteenth day of October, 1902, are required on or before the twenty-fourth day of December, 1902, to send by post prepaid or deliver to Messrs. Lewis & Richards, of the city of Chatham, Solicitors for William R. Hall, M. D. and Thomas W. Smythe, the executors of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses, and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statements of their accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after the said last mentioned date, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of the said distribution.

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