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MONDAY, JANUARY 12.

MAYOR McKEOUGH'S INAUGURAL

This morning, at the initial session of the City Council of 1903, Mayor Wm. E. McKeough delivered his inaugural message, the text of which is printed in another part of this paper.

The address is an important one and merits a thoughtful perusal by every ratepayer of Chatham. It deals vigorously and intelligently with the many matters of moment which confront the municipality during the present year and contains many valuable and pertinent suggestions worthy of consideration and endorsation by the Council and the citizens.

Co-operation and energy in dealing with many of the issues submitted in this address will mean much to our city. It is evident that a good, strong, efficient and enterprising hand is at the helm of our civic ship of state, and we are quite confident that it will be strengthened and re-invigore ated by the hearty co-operation and

There is much in the Mayor's Inaugural which calls for more than passing notice, and The Planet hopes, ilege and pleasure of quite fully discussing the contents with its many

Yes, he's going to Mac Keough a good mayor

Strong civic committees-every on of them; and capable of doing good

It ought to be one of the best and most prosperous years in Chatham's

It was an auspicious inauguration. Now for a good, record-breaking year

Why not invite our old boys back home again this summer that they may see the lovely homes and gardens which Mayor McKeough's generous offer will bring into being ?

The Banner is busying itself these days with the manufacture of ugly epithets and inuendoes. We would direct our contemporary's attention to the sad and sudden end of another pamphlet, calling itself "Fair Play," which catered to Chatham readers we hope, will appeal to the Ban-

> HOW TO GET COAL. Woodstock Express.

A Detroit woman has solved for herself the problem of coal supply. She started out with a revolver and a look of determination, and had very Little difficulty in securing what coal she wanted. This is not offered as a suggestion, but merely as a piece of news.

UNREASONABLE OBSTINACY. Chicago Herald-Record.

Montreal physicians have discover ed that electricity will cure consumption. This makes the fifty-seventh consumption cure that has been discovered in the past six months. Why will people still insist on dying of con-

TO THOSE ABOUT TO DIE.

Dalby (Queensland) Herald. Our foreman printer recently meas ared up the space occupied by obituary notices in the Herald during the last couple of months or so, and found it made three and three-quarter yards. This is so much dead loss to the paper, and, if a fatal epidemic struck the town, ruin would stare us in the face. We have, therefore, decided in future to charge for such notices. So, when people feel like dying, we hope they will give directions to their next on kin in respect to paying for the

A POWERFUL LOGICIAN.

Woodstock Express is not the only thing that talks in election contests; but it usually has the best of the argument. EUROPE'S CONQUERING BANNERS.

Bonton Globe. There are only three African na tions left on all the great continent of Africa, and their downfall will come in due time. With the crushing of the Dutch republics, not a vestige of African nationality was left below the desert of Sahara, except that poor little experimental station of negro re publicanism, Liberia. Above the desert only Morocca and Abyssinia remain. Over all else the conquering banners of Europe wave. Of 12,000,-000 square miles, not more than 500,-000 are possessed by the Africans.

In all the continent of Asia, Japan is the only genuine native sovereign-Everything else is dominated by Europe, openly or otherwise.

There are 17,000,000 square miles of land in Asia, and the Europeans rule, in form or spirit, all except 150,000 square miles of that wast territory. Less than 50,000,000 of the 900,000, Asiatics are free and independen Australia, Oceanica and Independent.

Australia, Oceanica and Malaysia all belonging to Europe, excepting only the possessions of the United States.

The western hemisphere alone is ruled chiefly by the people who inhabit

PHENOMENA IN AUSTRALIA.

panied by Falling Fireballs.

A great deal of interest has been created in scientific circles by the despatches from Australia teding of an extraordinary red dust storm broke over Melbourne on Novem 12, and which afterwards became general over New South Wales.

One phenomenon in connection with the storm was the falling of fire-

balls, which set fire to several buildings in Melbourne. At midday on November 12 the city was in darkness, people traversing the streets with lanterns. The superstitious thought that the end of the world was about to come and them. world was about to come, and there

world was about to come, and there were scenes of panic.

At the same time comes the news that the Savaii volcane in Samea is in a violent state of eruption, and that the villages in the neighborhood are covered with ashes to a depth of two inches. Sir Norman Lockyer, the astronomer, in an interview printed in The Daily Mail, stated that the fireballs were constantly the astronomer, in an interview printed in The Daily Mail, stated that the fireballs were constantly seen at the time of the recent eruptions in the West Indies, so that it is possible that the phenomena in Australia may have been connected with the volcanic activity in Samoa.

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The fireballs are generally describ ed as globular lightning. There are records of much damage having been caused by them. In 1809 the Warren Hastings, a British warship, was struck on the masts by three fire-balls, in quick succession. In 1881 an electric ball entered a wooden dwell-ing in a village of Auvergne. It ex-ploded and set fire to the house, with the result that a child was burned to death.

Old English Records

Strange tales are told of how imortant documents have gone astray in England, says The Daily Express. A few years ago an inspector employ-ed by the Historical Manuscripts ed by the Historical Manuscripts Commission went to Belvoir Castle. "I came across a key," he writes, bearing a label with the words, Key of writings over stable. I accordingly repaired to the stable, and there, in a loft under the roof, discovered a vast mass of old papers. No one had entered the room for some years, and a curtain of cobwebs hung from the rafters. Over everything there was a thick lawer of verything there was a thick layer of

broken plaster, and dirt.

'In the course of the first half hour I found a holograph letter of Lord Burghley, a military petition to the Marquis of Granby, in the

reign of George IM., and a letter from Charles James Fox.

"The disturbance of the surface caused a horrible stench, and it soon became evident that the loft had been tenanted by rats, who had done lasting damage to valuable MSS. by gnawing and staining them."

Letters were subsequently found in this collection from the Duke of Clarence the Earl of Warwick, and Kings Edward EV., Richard EH. and Henry VII.

Another inspector arrived too late at an old castle in the south of England. Its noble owner had lust made a tonfire of the contents of his muniment room, and all that was left was the smell of scorched parch-

Fellow-Countrymen.

A well-known actor tells a story, which M.A.P. repeats of an Irishman named Flanagan, who had been out of work for some time, and at length applied to a circus proprietor for a position.

There was no regular places open, but the manager looked Flanagan over and said:

"Our largest lion died last week, but we kept his skin, and if you like to get into it and be shown as a lion, you can have the job."

to get into it and be shown as a lion, you can have the job."
Flanagan agreed. At the first show the proprietor stepped into the cage and said, "Ladies and gentlemen. To prove the docility of this roaring iion, I shall order him into the cage with a ferocious tiger."
Flanagan hung back, but the circus proprietor prodded him with a sword and threatened to run him through, and the "lion" was driven into the same cage with the tiger. There he backed into a corner and cried, "Sphare me!"

There he backed into a corner and cried, "Sphare me!"

Then the ferocious tiger jumped to his feet and answered, "Ye needn't be afraid o' me! I'm an Irishman mesself!"

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"Old Moore" of London is the great almanac compiler, but as to whether that is his correct cosmomen cannot be said. There is a story told that he was a struggling printer somewhere in the region of Fleet street many years ago, and one day having the 'ump he dropped round to his favorite "boozer" for a 'gargle." Then he met a few of his pals, and he gargled so often, that like the lady in a poem when bemoaning her lover, he "forgot the stars, the moon and the sun," and that the almanac was waiting to go to press. The printer's devil was sent in search of him, and finding gotten to say what kind of weathe it was to be on'the 24th of May. The prophet told the devil to take his anatomy out of his sight, and to say it would snow or anything else he liked. And snow it was. "Snow" was put opposite the vacant date and the prediction came true, and so

FEELING POORLY— RUN DOWN.

When our appetite lags, when we want to be unnaturally quiet, when the body responds slowly and rather painfully to the demands upon it, we say we are "run down."

We're all of that and more. Our reserve force is at a low ebb; we're at the dividing line between health and the first ailment that happens along. The system is just in a condition then to take on sickness. It's altogether too common a condition, but it need never last long; it can often be avoided altogether.

Is it a simple matter? Very. Within the means of everybody? Yes. Easily understood? By everyone of ordinary intelligence. What should be done? What common sense advises for the most part. Rest? Yes; more than under ordinary conditionsmuch more, all that is possible without giving in to the attack. Air? Plenty; get out into the sunshine; walk; think of something cheerful; keep out of the night air; avoid dampness. And as to food? Your good sense ought to direct you. Whatever will be likely to give real strength. Much depends on proper nourishment, some authorities say all.

And whatever your diet, combine with it Scott's Emulsion; nothing will cause the tired body to respond more quickly. There is in Scott's Emulsion a peculiar element of nourishment that acts directly on exhausted forces, repairs waste and restores worn-out energy. Scott's Emulsion works quickly and without effort, yet one very soon feels the effects of the new force it brings. There is nothing better for the "run down" system.

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rg only, heavy Beaver Cloth Coats, colors black and fawn, fine quality, 27 in. long, half fitted back, fly front, coat collar, lined and unlined, size 32 to 42 in. regular price up to \$7.50 only grey and black Frieze Coats, heavy all wool quality made same style as beaver coats, regular price up to \$7.50

Ladies Coats, Oxford grey, black and frieze, medium and long lengths, all this season's styles, regular price up to \$8.00.

Fine beaver and Frieze Coats, medium and long lengths, lined and unlined, all this season's latest cuts, colors grey, fawn and black, regular price up to \$10.00, clearing at \$7.48

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Granby, Que., Jan. 9 was instantly killed by wheel in a sawmill Dougall of this place, o'clock this evening. hold an inquest in the

THE MARKET Active Demand For Grain is Hi Friday E

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The offerings we quaity; 100 bushels — Eight hundred be to 35c. Receipts of grain and 7.75 to \$8.25 per cwt. Re-that freer this morning mains good. Hay—Receipts

Toronto Live rush shipments. The good and everything dotal run was 47 cars.
1,270 hogs and 10 calv. Export Cattle—The 1 the demand was good, i everything offered sold prices. The general q high as \$5.35 per cwt. choice stock. Prices re—Butchers' Cattle—Rec small, and prices remain ed. A few extra choice for which figures a littl tions were paid.

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