

The Planet

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GET THE WALKS UP.

When the granolithic walks were being laid on Head and other streets less than two years ago, The Planet pointed out that the levels were too low. In many places now those walks are under water, mud and slush. It seems to be the failing of most engineers to forget that there is such an article in this country as snow. They fail to make any allowance for winter conditions in putting down sidewalks. Then, again, where the granolithic walks obstruct the flow of water from the boulevards to the gutters it must necessarily run over them. This could be avoided, it strikes us, and people's lawns drained at the same time, by putting a pipe here and there under the walks when they are being laid. But, anyway, let us have the next walks well raised. A top dressing of mud and slush does not add to their usefulness by any means.

DO YOUR CHILDREN RUN THE STREETS AT NIGHT?

Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, in speaking of "The Family and the School," at one of the meetings in connection with the week of prayer in that town is reported to have said it was strange that children should be taught about all the heathen gods in creation in the public schools and not a word about their own great God of Christianity. He then went on to argue that though the teachers should not be expected to teach theology, that the great facts of the Bible should be taught in the schools because the church and the state were simply allies of the parent in the training of the children. This opens up a subject on which there has been a vast amount of controversy which it is not proposed to enter into again at this time, but the doctor is also reported as giving utterance to this advice to parents in the course of his remarks, and they are eminently sound, and quite as applicable to Chatham as to Woodstock. He said:

"You should restrain your children from running about the streets at all hours of the night. There are an enormous number of children running about the streets at night in Woodstock, particularly in summer. Parents know not the danger their boys and girls are in. Some parents make themselves busy looking after other people's children, while their own are going to rack."

If some parents in Chatham were to pass along the streets at night, and hear the language that is indulged in by some children of tender years they would realize, or ought to realize, the force of such remarks. The education of the street is for the most part downward, and should be guarded against. It is no worse in Chatham, perhaps not so bad, as in some other places, but it is in the wrong direction.

PREMIER ROSS' LITTLE JOKE.

The Mail is very unkind. It doesn't seem half inclined to give Premier Ross any sort of a chance in his new job as provincial treasurer. George Washington got mixed up in his figures the other day and thought he had discovered a surplus. As a result he at once exploded through the columns of The Globe. He went off at half cock. He was so delighted at the thoughts of discovering what he up to that time doubted was in existence, that he could not contain himself until the official figures were ready. But the public were not fooled. They are wary now of Mowat-Hardy-Ross surplus claims. They remember the time the government claimed a \$6,000,000 surplus, then they shifted to \$5,000,000, finally retreated to \$4,000,000, insisted there was \$3,000,000 and took their stand on \$2,000,000. Finally Mr. Ross appointed a commission to see whether there was any surplus or not and we are now waiting for a report on the subject. In the meantime, Mr. Ross thinks he has found \$110,000 lying around loose, and has become hysterical over the matter. The Mail in all kindness might have let the Premier enjoy his little fallacy. No one takes it seriously. This province hasn't been in the surplus business for some years. If it had it would not be necessary to rob the hard pressed municipalities of a part of their taxes. Here is the way the Mail picks Premier Ross' surplus bubble:

We are getting some extraordinary "figgering" from Mr. G. W. Ross, the new provincial treasurer. He has just issued, through the organ, a statement that his revenue was \$9,810,000 last year, and that he expended \$3,700,000, thus reaping a surplus of \$110,000.

It appears, however, from last year's accounts, that there was \$271,000 on deposit in the banks when 1899 opened; this sum was carried forward. As there is \$110,000 left, the reserve has fallen by \$161,000; in other words there is a deficit to that amount.

The new year, it is stated, begins with \$1,618,000 in the banks, the money being the receipts from Ottawa and from timber sales; every year opens that way.

But it is alleged by Mr. Ross that of this amount \$800,000 were the ac-

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accumulated savings of the last two years.

A man who can spend in one year \$345,000 more than he takes in, and in the next year \$161,000 more than he takes in, and can then claim that he has saved \$800,000 in those two years, is too good for politics.

He ought to be in a bank.

"STRATHCONA'S HORSE."

Lord Strathcona's offer to raise and maintain a regiment of Canadian horse for service in South Africa will do more to advertise Canada than the sending of the Government contingents and must vastly increase the admiration of the Motherland for the Colony that produces such men. A military expert at the Capital figures out the cost of the undertaking as follows:

400 men, outfit, \$100 each,	\$ 40,000
400 men, arms, \$50 each,	20,000
400 horses, \$100 each,	40,000
400 horses, outfit, \$50,	20,000
Transportation, \$200 per man,	80,000
Do, horses, \$100,	40,000
Pay 400 men, 50c. per day,	73,000
Maintenance, 50c. per day,	73,000
Maintenance horses, 50c. per day,	73,000
Contingencies and extras, say,	20,000
Grand total,	\$479,000

No horses would be brought back from South Africa, so that the sale of them would cut down the expense somewhat.

Sand sprinklers are the latest safety contrivances for slippery sidewalks.

The Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society, with the assistance of the rest of the province, have done nobly in providing comforts for the members of the first and second contingents. What did the people of Chatham do to help them in this work?

The Washington authorities have decided not to provoke a tariff war with Canada, even to help the Michigan lumbermen. With free corn, etc., no export duty on nickel matte, and a fake alien labor law on the statute books of Canada, the U. S. government knows it already has too good a thing to lose.

HOSPITALS NO USE

William Brownley, of Montreal, Suffering With Bright's Disease Declared Incurable.

Tried Best Hospitals in Canada and the United States. They Were Powerless to Help Him. Eleven Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills Completely Cured Him.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—One of the most striking object lessons that have been tendered the people of Montreal in regard to the power of Dodd's Kidney Pills, was that of Mr. Wm. Brownley, of 91 Cathedral street, this city.

Mr. Brownley suffered with Bright's disease of the kidneys for twenty years. In all that time he did not find a medicine that had the slightest improving effect. Doctor after doctor was consulted in vain. Bright's disease had its grip and could not be loosened.

In search of relief Mr. Brownley ascertains that he tried all the best hospitals in Canada and many, including that of Ogdensburg, in the United States. The cure he sought was not forthcoming. The hospitals were powerless to help him. The medical staffs of the hospitals considered Bright's disease incurable.

But there was a cure for Bright's disease, and Mr. Brownley found it at last. Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure Bright's disease. The statement is made with assurance. Mr. Brownley is not the only man that has been cured of Bright's disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills. There have been thousands of signed statements published to prove the contrary. Mr. Brownley even is not the only man in Montreal whom Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured of this malady. Bright's disease has been conquered more times in the cities of Montreal and Toronto than anywhere else in Canada.

It took exactly eleven boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure Mr. Wm. Brownley of Bright's disease. It took the hospitals and doctors twenty years to declare him incurable. There is a plain lesson there.

Generals Roberts and Buller have been elected honorary directors of the Woodbridge, York county, Ontario, fair. It is to be feared, however, that pressing engagements in South Africa may prevent them from getting back in time for Woodbridge annual spring show.

During the season of 1899, 25,255,810 tons of freight passed to and from Lake Superior through the canals at Sault Ste. Marie (Canadian and United States). This is four times as much freight as passed the Sault in 1888. The Canadian canal laid only about 12 per cent of this, the figures being 22,252,139 tons through the United States canal and 3,003,671 through the Canadian canal.

A woman named Mrs. Martha Sayles, in Omaha, tried to commit suicide recently and her attempt was frustrated by a druggist who promptly administered a dose of sulphate of zinc and a mixture of warm water and mustard. Now the foiled suicide threatens to sue the druggist for damages because his diploma as a druggist did not entitle him to practice medicine. Apparently life after the party to be rescued signs a bill of indemnity.

Because the first briber to be proceeded against was a Conservative, some newspapers of that stripe had begun to howl to punish all, Grit and Tory alike. Well the sword of justice seems to be falling pretty evenly in South Ontario. Perhaps, they will be satisfied now.—St. Thomas Journal.

No honest newspaper, Liberal or Conservative, can be satisfied with George Washington Ross' jugglery in the matter. Why hasn't he ordered the prosecution of all the bribers and corruptionists whose names have come before the courts? Never mind their politics, jail them.

Sir William Meredith expresses the sense of the whole country when he says that the pay of the troops we send to South Africa should all come out of the Dominion Treasury.—Mail and Empire.

That is a matter that will be dealt with by Parliament, and Sir William Meredith would do well in his capacity as Judge not to meddle with such questions from the bench. The disposition of some Judges to pose as public mentors on all subjects needs to be checked.—Hamilton Times.

We don't know why a Judge should not be allowed to express his opinion on public questions as well as anyone else. If the Times has any fault to find with Meredith as a Judge why doesn't it come at him straight or else attack the system which loads up the bench with men who are either failures as successful politicians or else played out party hacks.

The war in South Africa has greatly increased the manufacture of khaki cloth, more than 15,000 persons now being engaged in making the material for the British soldiers. The word khaki is of Hindu origin and means dust or clay-colored. The cloth is made entirely of cotton. It was probably first used by the English soldiers in India. It is very durable and is well adapted for use in hot climates, such as the British troops have been operating in for many years. As is well known, khaki cloth is also used to a large extent in the United States army in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. A distinct advantage of this cloth in South Africa is its "invisibility" and it is worth noting in this connection that, according to an English journal, the horses of one regiment have been dyed khaki color, in order to render them less easily seen by the enemy.

SAYS THE CHANCES FAVOR WALTER MILLS.

Ridgetown Dominion. The Chatham Planet is having lots of fun over the race for the county court clerkship. Before the remains of the late clerk reached Chatham from the place where Mr. Campbell met his untimely death, half a score Liberal "workers," mostly lawyers, were after the job, which is worth a couple of thousand a year. Messrs. Pardo and Ferguson have had their lives made miserable by the appeals of applicants and their friends. Backed by "Irish Jack," the power behind the throne in West Kent Liberalism, Mr. James Holmes loomed up strong, but his hopes were dashed by a resolution of the Kent Law Society demanding that the position be given to a member of the profession. It is thought that Mr. Ferguson, stronger than Mr. Pardo, will see that an East Kent man gets the plum. John Coulters, R. L. Gosnell and Walter Mills are mentioned with the chances, we believe, in favor of the last named.

CIPHERING IT OUT.

Chicago Tribune. "Any attempt to abbreviate 1900," observed the professor, "will be almost sure to come to naught."

SPREADING IN MINISTERIAL CIRCLES.

Montreal Gazette. The Carleton, N. B. election, where Mr. J. Kidd Fleming was returned, was, like the Manitoba contest, run on federal political lines, and the Liberals lost. Mr. Blair seems to be slipping his grip, as well as Mr. Sifton.



Healthy, Happy Girls.

Healthy, happy girls often become languid and despondent, from no apparent cause, in the early days of their womanhood. They drag along, always tired, never hungry, breathless and with palpitating hearts after slight exercise, so that to merely walk up stairs is exhausting. Sometimes a short, dry cough leads to the fear that they are going into consumption. Doctors tell them they are aemic—which means that they have too little blood. Are you like that?

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NOT OF THE LAURIER SCHOOL.

Kingston Whig. Hugh John Macdonald may make a failure of it, but he is beginning well. He pledged the party to get along with three paid ministers, and he made the choice. He could not do otherwise and avoid the impression that he was a humbug.

THE PREMISE WAS FALSE.

Hamilton Herald. Rev. Dr. Carrie says that his remarks at Barter were misreported, and that he did not say that British reverses in South Africa are providential punishments for British national sins. All criticisms of the reverend doctor's speech, including the Herald's criticism, must therefore be retracted.

SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE.

"Hello, old man, how are you feeling today?"
"Rotten."
"Dyspepsia had still?"
"Yes."
"Did you try those Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets?"
"Yes."
"Do you any good?"
"No."
"What! You took Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and they didn't do you any good?"
"That's what."
"How many did you buy?"
"One box."
"How many did you take?"
"I don't know. About half dozen."
"Half a dozen! Where did you take them?"
"After meals, generally."
"Did you take them regular?"
"Well, I took the first one after breakfast all right and then I forgot to take any until the next night."
"How long did it take you to consume the half dozen?"
"About a week."
"Well, you're a bird."
"Eh?"
"You're a peach."
"Why?"
"Did you expect to get cured that way?"
"No."
"How do you expect to get cured?"
"I don't."
"No, nor you won't if you don't use common sense."
"Thanks, old man, thanks, for those few kind words."
"No; but you're such an idiotic chap. You get down in the mouth, lose heart—get so you won't let yourself be cured. Now, Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure you if you take them regularly after each meal—sure. You understand. But can't expect a medicine to cure you taking it the way you started. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. Take them regularly; give them a chance; go at it hopefully, and wake up from that gloomy, morbid faithlessness in everything."
"I'm afraid I'm an awful fool, old man."
"Oh! no worse than lots of other people, I guess," said his friend cheerfully.

Ideas are like gas; give them air and they diffuse without harm; refuse them ventilation and they explode.

He who commits injustice is ever to the woman who is suffering with some disease or derangement of the organs distinctly feminine. Some clothes and some positions make the pain and the discomfort seem less. Perhaps the nerves are most affected and this in turn disturbs the digestion. Nothing will ever completely relieve you "a rapid cure. The start of so-called 'female complaints' may be a very slight thing indeed. It may be that in the beginning some small hygienic measures would stop the trouble. Certainly at this time, a little bit of the right medicine would stop it. When the trouble becomes worse, it is harder to cure, but still it can be cured. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will positively cure any trouble of this character. It may be absolutely relied upon. It affords a relief to a woman whose natural modesty has kept her from consulting a physician.

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There are many things, like philosophy itself, which can neither be taught nor learned.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE END OF THE CENTURY CALENDAR.

The great progress of the printer's art in the nineteenth century is fittingly marked in this closing year by the artistic calendar we have just received from N. W. Ayer & Son, newspaper and magazine advertising agents, Philadelphia. True to their motto of "Keeping everlastingly at it," Messrs. Ayer & Son have so made this calendar, year after year, that a demand for it has sprung up that always quickly absorbs the edition. This calendar's proportions are commensurate with its dignity, it is an art work, but its size is determined solely by utility. The figures are of the generous dimensions that quickly catch the eye and make it a favorite with business men; there are also helpful suggestions accompanying each month's figures, and there is a rich ensemble of color and design. This edition will not last long; while it does, those who send 25 cents to the publishers will receive a copy post-paid.

THE CANADIAN ANNUAL FOR 1900.

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The Historical Diary for the year is of peculiar interest, giving in an incredibly small space all the principal events of this very important year. A unique feature of the new Almanac is a list of titled Canadians, with their ranks and orders. This is the first time that such a list has been compiled and may be considered as the beginning of a Canadian De Brett. Certainly the Canadian Almanac is growing larger and more complete every year, until it is now difficult to see where it could be added to or improved. The price, however, still remains, as in past years, 25 cents.

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