

..The Planet..

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A LAST WORD.

If the City Council, at their meeting this evening, decide to re-instate J. W. Shackleton as city engineer we believe their action will stand to their credit, prove to the best business interests of Chatham and meet the wishes of a large majority of the ratepayers.

Mr. Shackleton has filled the position for two years. His worse enemies will not dispute his wonderful industry—in fact the man has really worked too hard for his own good. He has devoted his best energies to the arduous civic duties assigned him. Doubtless he has made mistakes—the best of us often do and would deem it hard indeed if the casual error were to be assiduously selected as the criterion of our accomplishment—but they have been few and comparatively immaterial.

After his two years' service, public advertisement by the Board of Works and careful canvass by interested opponents have disclosed five complaints against the public work of Mr. Shackleton. One of these we understand has fallen through entirely and the remainder—with the exception of the Sheldon Ave. drain—were the result of good surveying reasons and, if desired, could very easily and inexpensively be altered to meet the wishes of the complainants. It is apparently a fact that the Sheldon Ave. drain is in a seriously complicated condition, but Mr. Shackleton claims that in this matter he was not given a free hand but simply acted under instructions. If this is the case the full responsibility should not be made to rest upon him.

Of the many larger works of which Mr. Shackleton had the supervision there is no complaint. They have brought him unstinted praise. The William St. sewer has transformed that leading thoroughfare, the King St. pavement promises permanency and proficiency, and the myriad and one other public works all stand unchallenged. This is the record of the man to whom the city has paid \$850 per annum.

Now, with the fixing of the tax rate looming up before us, can we afford to dispense with a satisfactory servant and citizen at \$850 to engage an outside expert at any way from \$1,500 to \$3,000? The council has received the signed testimony of over 400 representative ratepayers upon the question. Will they act upon it?

Gentlemen of the City Council, can you do any better than reappoint Engineer Shackleton this evening?

A TENNESSEE OUTRAGE.

The defenders of lynching as a regrettable but necessary measure to protect homes from the ravages of human monsters will find their theory somewhat strained by the expression of popular sovereignty at Rome, Tenn., on Friday of last week, says the New York Tribune. In that case it was sovereigns who were the human monsters wreaking savage and brutal passions on a defenceless woman simply because there was no other blood than hers available for them to satisfy their thirst with.

The Rome lynching had nothing to do with the "usual crime," behind which mobs commonly take refuge. The community was not aroused by an atrocity of any kind—violence, murder or highway robbery. If any lynching at all was justified, then death should be the lot of every shop-lifter or chicken thief under the law. A man lost a pocketbook containing \$120. It was found in the street by a negro boy, from whom a negro man, William Crutchfield, obtained it, representing that it was of no value. The owner had Crutchfield arrested for the theft, and in any civilized community in the world a moderate term of imprisonment would have been considered adequate punishment for the offense. Among these white Zulus of Rome, Tenn., a different standard of morality prevailed, and it was decided that the negro who had yielded to the temptation to steal \$120 must suffer death. Accordingly the mob took him from his place of confinement and was about to kill him. But he escaped from his would-be executioners in the darkness. Thus deprived of their victim, these servants of justice be thought themselves of the fact that Crutchfield had a sister, who might possibly be supposed to be attracted by his theft, and so they went to her house, dragged her from it at about midnight, took her to a bridge, where they killed her and threw her body into the stream below.

Now, that was just plain, brutal murder, and in any community where human life was respected and criminal law enforced the murderers of that woman would be hanged, as they deserve to be.

BLACK EYE FOR SIFTON.

The Brantford Expositor (Liberal) gives Mr. Sifton's boasted immigration system a beautiful black eye when it talks thus in regard to the methods of colonizing the Doukhobors: "Some day, when dishonesty creeps in there will be a full crop of litigation as the result of this absurd prac-

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ice of establishing communal settlements. It will be many a day before the Doukhobors generally will fall in with the current of municipal life. They might have learned something about it, and have been affected by it, if they had not been segregated into a plantation by themselves. As the result of their isolation little can be done in the way of educating them. This might have been a matter of comparatively little importance, if their number had been smaller, but we have thousands of them now, and thousands more are reported as desiring to come here. Against admitting them on the same terms there should be a general and determined protest. As we have often pointed out, we have sociological problems enough to solve in Canada without aggravating this, one of the worst of all. The patrons of these poor people should be told that no more colonizing will be allowed with new comers of any nationality."

CAUSE OF RUSSIA'S WAR BLUFF.

The Woodstock Express submits the following reasons for Russia's warlike attitude in China. There may be much truth in it.

It is now said that one reason why Russia is making so much trouble in China, is not that she wants to fight, for she is unprepared, but because she wants to ease off her internal trouble. When a man has pain in the stomach he usually prescribes whiskey and Jamaica ginger, or a hot stove-lid if the pain should catch him on Sunday, or after the early-closing hours on any other day; but when a nation takes a cold the universal remedy is a foreign war or a bluff at a war. Just now Russia has a cold, and a bad one. Quite recently two attempts have been made on the life of the Czar, while the student riots are so serious that the casualty lists make the average South African list look pale. In the conflict of last Sunday, the loss to the students was over 700, mostly prisoners, of course. It is not the actual strength of the students that the Russian government has to fear, so much as the influence of their doctrines and their examples on a people in whom the heaven of

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freedom is beginning to work. The students may be suppressed, but even a force of Cossacks cannot arrest and imprison an idea. What may be done is to distract public attention by a bluff at a foreign war, and there are some who think that that is just what Russia is doing.

FROM THE CREST OF THE WAVE.

Since the Finance Minister has told the people of Canada that the country is on the crest of a wave of prosperity which must soon recede, and in view of the fact that an expenditure of over \$57,000,000 is assured it is interesting to remember that that great Liberal financial authority Sir Richard Cartwright said on March 28, 1894—"Sir, Canada had no business, and never had, to spend that thirty-six or thirty-seven millions. It is a monstrous thing properly understood and wholly apart from the amount of real taxation paid by us that an expenditure of thirty-six or thirty-seven millions should be saddled on five millions of people in the position of the people of Canada." And again on May 7, 1895, he said—"We must lighten the burdens of the people, as well as stop the deficit. I do not say that that will be an easy task. I say that it is a task utterly and hopelessly impossible under the present system. Nevertheless, that is the goal that the Reform party must keep in view, that is the goal for which they must strive; that is the goal which I hope and trust they will soon attain."

After five years of striving to attain that wonderful goal Sir Richard and his party are more than twenty millions of dollars further away from it than they were at the time they began to show how they could strive for it and Mr. Tarte continues to demonstrate his ability to spend more next year.

The Maple City calls for a civic engineer.

Kitchener must be wearing ten-ounce gloves on those iron hands of his.

What does the Banner really intend to do with those 495 "complaint" blanks it couldn't get filled?

The next "Reports and Proceedings of the Senate" will constitute a very elaborate Cook book.

Gentlemen of the city council, the citizens expect every one of you to do his duty this evening in the Shackleton matter.

The Planet congratulates the Blenheim Tribune on the turning of the fifth milestone in its history. May it continue to prosper.

Our contemporary still has the platform all to its own sweet self when it comes to explaining who ordered and paid for those "complaint" blanks which were hawked around the city.

The Hamilton Post says that the nicest thing about Carnegie's donations is that he can never find time to boss the whole lot of endowed institutions personally.

One of the demands on Mr. Carnegie is for \$5,000,000 to free Ireland. What a roaring, ripping, rollicking time those New York Irish "patriots" could then give the Mayor of Limerick!

Saturday's Banner devoted another two columns to the Shackleton matter. But careful reading has yet failed to disclose any of those "scores" of "complaints" it used to ache to bring forward.

The re-appointment of J. W. Shackleton as city engineer will meet the petition of over 400 heavy rate-paying citizens and many others not afforded an opportunity to sign. The endorsement of his dismissal will delight a few of his interested traducers. Which is it to be?

According to Bradstreet's industrial outlook in Canada is promising. The demand for choice dividend-paying stocks on the Canadian stock exchange continues with increasing activity. The general condition of Canadian security markets is healthy; there is a steady advance in values, with no special boom.

The Banner worked itself into a great state on Saturday and amused its readers by building up fake arguments to show its ability in knocking them down. The statements it put into the mouth of this journal were, of course, never made by The Planet. But that style of campaigning fits in well with the back-door hawking of "complaint" blanks and serves, it thinks, to "cover up the ignominious back-down on the part of our contemporary."

DISPUTED POINT SETTLED.

Hamilton Spectator. The oldest Canadian Home Circle is the wedding ring.

FROSTY.

Hamilton Spectator. Day before election J. Israel Tarte, missionary from Ottawa, was snowed up in a North Bruce train, for sixteen hours. Next day his candidate was snowed under for four or five years.

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COURTESY OF WEALTH.
Philadelphia.
The courtesy of wealth is shown in the way other millionaires are letting Carnegie have the library field to himself.

WHEN IN ROME, ETC.
Guelph Herald.
The flag is flying from city hall today, presumably in honor of the visit of the minister of public works. Unfortunately it is not the same flag that Hon. Mr. Tarte idolized in Paris and flung proudly to the breeze from the government yacht in which he sailed down the St. Lawrence.

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