

IS THE RETURN TO HIGH PRICES  
A COINCIDENCE?

It is said the Chatham grocers think they can only afford to sell at a profit 15 pounds of granulated sugar for one dollar.

In the good old Conservative days we used to get 25 and 30 pounds.

Before that time, during the MacKenzie regime, you got eight pounds of granulated sugar, or 12 pounds of yellow sugar for \$1.

In Mackenzie's time coal oil varied between 25 and 50 cents a gallon, retail, the latter figure being reached in rural districts during Sir Richard Cartwright's 17-12 cent specific duty.

During National Policy days the price was gradually lowered until it reached a shilling a gallon.

Then the present government introduced the Standard oil monopolists into Canada and oil, like sugar, has since been rapidly travelling back towards the prices that ruled under the first Liberal regime.

PROPER AND MODERATE.

The steam railway lines have adopted a new standard rule authorizing train conductors to deal with a passenger having neither ticket nor pass, and who will not pay fare.

It reads as follows: "Should anyone be found on a train without proper transportation, such person must be required to pay fare, and in case of refusal, should be requested to leave the train. If he refuses to leave the train peacefully he should be ejected by the conductor, only such force being used as is necessary for his removal, and in no case with unnecessary violence, harsh language, or display of ill-temper. The ejection must be made by the conductors as an act of legal duty, and only in a reasonable manner, and at a proper place within station limits. It should not be at such a place, in such weather, or at such unreasonable hours of the night as might ordinarily endanger the health or safety of the person ejected, and such person ejected must not be a child, or a person of unsound mind, or one unable to take care of himself or herself."

A NEW FAKE.

A cream separator for \$4 that will do the work of a \$100 article is the bait that glib-tongued gentlemen are holding out in some parts of the country to the farmer. It is a thin tube two feet long, to be used in pouring cold water into a milk can, and can be had of any tinman for 25 cents. If any farmer wants to water his own milk, why let him, but why should he be fool enough to pay \$4 for the liberty? But the farmer is not the victim of the traveler is after, but the local agent he is trying to convert. Said agent is to get \$2 for every separator he sells at \$4, but look at the conditions. He must sign an order for five dozen separators, representing \$200, with the promise that if he does not sell them inside of thirty days he can return them at cost. And here is the story, as when he is sued on his order, the actual cost of manufacture, 25c, will be put in as evidence against him. The headquarters of the con-men, that a good many agents will sorrowfully remember as having sent out a gang of fakirs who victimized them a number of years ago with a \$4 tin washing machine, supplied on the same kind of an order. The agents on returning their unsold tin toys, were allowed 65 cents, the cost of making; but by the court were compelled to pay \$2 for each machine.

OLD LONDON STILL LEADS.

Greater New York ranks second city of the world in population, with London in the lead. The United States census bureau on Monday announced the population of the consolidated cities, known as Greater New York, as 3,437,292. This is gratifying to the pride of the Knickerbockers, but it leaves much to be overcome if they would rival their British competitors. The New York Sun supplied the following interesting facts:

"Exact comparison with the population of London, however, is not possible, for its boundaries are various, according to various jurisdictions. The old City of London, with municipal and parliamentary limits, has an area of less than seven hundred acres and its population in 1896 was only 31,148. Registration London, or the district within the registrar-general's tables of mortality, has an area of nearly seventy-five thousand acres, and its population in 1896 was 4,117,710. The Metropolitan and City Police Districts London has an area of nearly four hundred and fifty thousand acres, extends over a radius of fifteen miles from Charing Cross, and its population in 1891 was 5,633,330, and the present estimate is 6,529,134.

"It will be seen, therefore, that the population of New York is not much more than one-half of this estimated population of the district of the Metropolitan and Greater London."

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city of the world in magnitude is Paris, the population of which by the census of 1896 was 2,536,834, or 900,368 less than the present population of New York.

"The fourth city in rank is Berlin, with a population of 1,677,304, in 1896, or less than one-half that of New York."

COUNTY VERSUS CITY.

The Ridgeway Dominion denies that it is trying to stir up ill-feeling between the country sections and the city of Chatham. To make its position clear it says:

The Dominion does not entertain the slightest ill-will towards Chatham, and is always pleased to note its growth and prosperity. No one regrets more than ourselves the unpleasantness at present existing between the city and one of its large manufacturing concerns, and we sincerely hope that things may so adjust themselves that all talk of its removal will cease. Aside from a few hot-weather jokes about Chatham's brewery and "municipal" well the Dominion has never said anything against Chatham's material success and prosperity.

This journal, however, has exercised its undoubted right to protest against the assumption of Chatham's politicians that every office that becomes vacant in Kent must of necessity be filled by a Chatham man. In this we have nothing against any Chatham man personally. Our objection is to the principle and the cool effrontery with which it is asserted. It is the fashion for certain Chatham politicians to speak of the city as the whole "push" and as though the county men count for nothing. That we are stating a truth is proved by the following editorial paragraph, taken from the same issue of the Planet as the one at the head of this article:

"This county kick about Chatham Liberals getting all the offices ought to be measured by the fact that Chatham Liberals say they put up all the money at election times."

A prominent Chatham Liberal who

CONSERVATORY.

Miss Mabel L. Campbell  
Just returned from Boston where she has completed the course of instruction in the Fletcher-Simplex method under Miss Fletcher, the originator of the method, opens classes in Italian, in September, for children between the ages of five and fifteen.

Miss Lillian Pratt  
(ORGANIST PARK ST. METHOD. CHURCH)  
TEACHER OF PIANO  
Will receive her pupils on and after Sept. 4th. Free scholarship offered. Scholarship open only to pupils entering Conservatory by Sept. 15th.  
For terms, etc., address  
Box 462, or Krause Conservatory of Music, Chatham, Ont.

MRS. JOHN COOPER,  
Soloist and Choir Leader, First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, will resume instruction in Voice Culture at the Conservatory of Music, Chatham, on September 4th. Students desiring to compete for scholarship must begin by September 15th.  
A Choral Class will be open to all students. For terms, etc., address: Krause Conservatory of Music, or P. O. Box 167, Chatham, Ont.  
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R. Victor Carter  
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Honorary Representative of the Toronto College of Music.  
Teacher of Piano and Theory.  
Next Season Term commences Thursday, September 4th, 1900.  
Toronto College of Music.  
Musical Examinations will be conducted at Chatham Local Centre, June 1901. Students passing same successfully will be granted Toronto College of Music Testimonials, Certificates and Diplomas.  
Mr. Carter has become associated with the Toronto College of Music and its students are afforded every opportunity to take the First, Second and Final Examinations at the yearly examinations at Chatham, which will be conducted by a Board of Examiners from the Toronto College of Music.  
Special attention given to students to prepare them thoroughly to compete for examination honors.  
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R. VICTOR CARTER,  
Hon. Rep. Toronto College of Music.

attended the late party caucus at London boldly asserted the same thing when advancing or defending Mr. Holmes' claim to the county court clerkship, and the gentleman in question is a member of the Kent Law Society, which by resolution demanded the appointment of a legal gentleman to the vacancy. But failing to secure the appointment of a Chatham lawyer, the liberal members of the K. L. S. readily accepted a layman and did their best to block the appointment of a county lawyer.

It is against such actions as this on the part of Chatham, or rather a section of its population, that the Dominion has protested and will continue to do so. The people of the county are too intelligent to bear ill-will towards Chatham, its business men and its business enterprises because of differences regarding appointments, but it is neither their fault nor ours if they continue to think that Chatham is too selfish in some ways to be regarded with a great love.

As the county town, and also because of its central position, Chatham, we believe, is entitled to much consideration, and the Planet will agree that its newspapers are never slow in looking after the city's interests. The Dominion, with the most friendly feeling towards Chatham, owes a special duty towards Ridgeway and a general one to the county, but the harmony which should obtain between city and county must be based on a mutual and generous recognition of the rights of each in both municipal and political matters.

The Empress Dowager has scored another point in favor of female equality, by showing that she can skip off when occasion arises quite as fast as either Oom Paul or Aguinado.

Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Russian troops are already in the far East or on the way there by land and sea or under orders to embark. What is Russia up to? They are not needed to suppress China.

Money for the purchase of new rifles provided in the estimates of last session will not more than supply the needs of the militia. No policy will, therefore, be announced for the present as to supplying rifle clubs.

The French government asked the foreign commissioners at the Paris Exposition to make recommendations for the Legion of Honor. The United States commission make ninety applications, twice as many as the other commissions. Thus our republican neighbors scramble after dignities and decorations.

The population of Philadelphia, according to the official count of the returns of the twelfth census, is as follows: Philadelphia city, 1,293,697 in 1900, against 1,040,964 in 1890. These figures, show, for the city as a whole, an increase in population of 247,733 or 23.7 per cent from 1890 to 1900. The population in 1880 was 847,170, showing an increase of 199,794, or 23.58 per cent from 1880 to 1890.

The following from The Planet is particularly rich. The rumor that Mr. Holmes' appointment was made through the influence of Mr. John Lee, of Ridgeway, is open to question. Anyway, we don't propose to credit it. John says so himself. — Ridgeway Dominion.

We are waiting for an opportunity to ask John his views on the subject. Anywhere up to two columns has been reserved for his use, and there is plenty of colored ink in the office, if the interview is lurid enough to warrant its use.

During the last few weeks duels have caused a perfect slaughter in Italy. As many as four duels were killed in different towns last Saturday. During the last year, 2,400 duels have been fought in Italy and 480 deaths have resulted. Most of these combats were between army officers and based on the most trivial pretexts. The Italians seem to have amended our old saw about fools and their money to, Fools and their lives are soon parted.

WELL, WHAT HAVE THEY GOT TO SAY?  
Dominion.

Some time ago the Tilbury papers stated that something would break if Mr. Farquharson did not receive the county court clerkship. We are waiting to hear from them.

IS HE THE DOCTOR'S CHOICE?  
Dominion.

The Liberals of Bothwell meet at Dresden next Tuesday to select a candidate for the commons. They met some time ago, and owing to a hitch in the program—some differences of opinion regarding the choice of a local man—tendered the nomination to Hon. David Mills. The latter gentleman will attend the meeting on Tuesday, thank them for the honor, etc., and withdraw. It is understood that the nomination of Mr. Gordon, of Wallaceburg, has been arranged for.

"The average wife knows the prick of conscience is productive of pin-money."

Mina's Eminent Cures Dandruff.

Chatham's Millinery Store

..Bargains in Sailors..

White Rough Straw Sailors, sold up to \$1.25, this week..... 40c  
Sailors sold up to 75c, for..... 20c  
Sailors, white and colored, sold up to 50c, for..... 22c  
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who intend competing for any Conservatory honors must enroll at office as students of the Conservatory on or before Saturday, Sept. 15th.  
Conservatory  
will be open on and after Monday, Aug. 27th, for enrollment of students, payment of fees and any business in connection with Conservatory.  
New Conservatory Prospectus  
consisting of 48 pages of artistic merit will be forwarded to any address, post paid, on receipt of a postal with address.

Fall Term, Saturday, Sept. 1st, 1900

NOTICE.

In the matter of William Craddock, late of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, Contractor, 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 William Craddock, who died on or about the 25th day of October, 1897, are required on or before the 6th day of September, 1900, to send by post prepaid, or deliver to J. B. Rankin, Q. C., of the said City of Chatham, Solicitor for the Executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.  
Dated the 15th day of August, 1900.  
J. B. RANKIN,  
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The work will be let in four sections, but intending contractors will be at liberty to tender on one or more sections, or on the whole work.  
Grading must be commenced on or before the first day of September, and the whole must be completed not later than the 8th day of November, A. D. 1900.  
Plans, profiles, and specifications, forms of tender and all necessary information may be seen at my office, in town of Walkerville, Ontario. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.  
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W. J. AGAR, Blenheim, auctioneer.  
J. E. BURK, Blenheim, auctioneer.  
J. J. ORDINARY, Thamesville, auctioneer.  
A. H. McCOIG, Chatham, auctioneer.  
Arthur Stewart, Chatham Tn., auctioneer.  
William Barclay, Ridgeway, auctioneer.  
E. Groomfort, Ridgeway, pedlar, 1 horse.  
Chas. Kitchen, Toronto, pedlar, 1 horse.  
Myles McCarron, Wallaceburg, auctioneer.  
C. A. Powell, Tilbury, auctioneer.  
Sas. Nel Bonville, Ridgeway, auctioneer.  
J. H. McCOIG, Chatham, auctioneer.  
J. A. Robertson, Fletcher, auctioneer.  
Jas. Ro. Tilbury, auctioneer.  
J. E. McCOIG, Chatham, auctioneer.  
James Buchanan, Ingersoll, auctioneer.  
Wm. Graham, Onondaga, pedlar, 2 horses.  
F. H. Freeman, Chatham, pedlar, 2 horses.  
W. A. Higham, Chatham, pedlar, 2 horses.  
R. H. Knight, Northwood, pedlar, 2 horses.  
S. H. McCOIG, Chatham, pedlar, 1 horse.  
J. H. Knight, Ridgeway, pedlar, 1 horse.  
M. C. McWHIR, Dresden, pedlar, 1 horse.  
Chas. Doxstader, Ridgeway, pedlar, 1 horse.  
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