

## The Planet.

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## GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

The Laurier Government is a whole-souled, warm-hearted and generous institution. It never sees a friend want. Senator Cox, Mr. Hays and others interested in the Grand Trunk Pacific will willingly bear testimony to this. The Grand Trunk Pacific, had it given effect to its first contract, would have pledged the Western division as security for the payment of interest on its bonds. Failure to meet its obligations in this respect for three years would have meant Government possession and operation. This would scarcely be considered a hardship in ordinary business circles. But so good and benevolent an aggregation of philanthropists as the Dominion Cabinet could hardly be expected to confine themselves to the hard and fast rules of mercantile life. Accordingly, Senator Cox, et al, were given five years instead of three to work up a bill against the Government. Moreover, it was decreed that the Government should not enter into possession of the G. T. Pacific lines for all time. If hardship inflicts itself upon the promoters, they are, in conjunction with the Government, to appoint a receiver who will manage the road until it becomes a sufficiently good commercial venture to pay off the Government. It will then have become a property worth owning and will in due course be handed back to the Cox-Hays syndicate. Few but Sir Wilfrid will see the advantage of one becoming a creditor only to have to pay oneself. If the farmer with a heavy mortgage on his farm could only arrange matters a la Hays and have the mortgage pay off the claim, how lovely everything would be for the Canadian agriculturist. The farmer expects no such boon, but that is exactly what the Laurier Government has provided for the G. T. P. How can the Government justify such an irrational proposal?

## WORKING OUT ITS SALVATION.

Chamberlain is away in Egypt recruiting his health and taking a rest, but the leaves of political ideas with which his preferential campaign has inspired Great Britain, goes working on, points out the Ottawa Citizen. It resulted in a ferment in the House of Commons last week when 112 Chamberlainites held a caucus and told the 177 other members of the Balfour support that if they allowed a motion to be pressed disavowing the policy of the absent leader, the Chamberlainites would overturn the Government. Premier Balfour hurriedly exercised his influence to have the motion suppressed and the crisis passed. But it represented another decisive forward step in the direction of the eventual adoption of the Chamberlain policy.

It must be remembered that the difference between Chamberlain and Balfour is that the former is out as the bold leader of a radical change which involves a revolution of the political ideas of over a century's standing. Balfour is not necessarily opposed to Chamberlain, but he is playing, perhaps very wisely, a waiting game. He is holding the party together while the educational influences are at work which will prepare the country for the change. He is not leading but allowing himself to go forward on the tide of developing sentiment. It is not an heroic role in the fiscal drama but it may prove a very useful one. It is a mistake to assume, as the American correspondents are doing for their own purposes, that the Balfour Government party consists of 112 Chamberlainites and 177 anti-Chamberlainites. The former figures, as elicited by the incident of last week, represents the extreme preferential tariff members in the House of Commons to-day—men who are ready to sacrifice the Conservative Government, if necessary, to uphold the Chamberlain idea and policy. Of the 177, some are distinctly anti-Chamberlain, like Mr. Wharton who brought up the motion, while it is reasonable to believe that a large proportion of the remainder represent the mass of sentiment in Great Britain which, while favorably impressed with the Chamberlain idea, are not yet sufficiently converted to it to go to the length to which those 112 preferential tariff adherents were prepared to go to maintain that idea. Perhaps on a test vote brought up under other conditions, by the Opposition, for instance, it would not be surprising if a majority of the House, even as at present constituted, would vote with the Government and ostensibly in favor of the Chamberlain policy.

The net result of the incident of

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Last week is to prove to Premier Balfour that 112 of his supporters have placed the preferential policy above party allegiance and will support it at any cost. This should have the effect of strengthening Mr. Balfour's spine and encouraging him to move a little faster with the tide.

## THE EVOLUTION.

The following communication in last Saturday's Buffalo Express is another evidence of the way the leaves is working among our cousins to the south, tending to a better understanding throughout Anglo-Saxondom. There is no indication in the following that the author is a partisan of England, or any other than a shrewd, commonsense American:

Editor Buffalo Express:—Those persons whose views of things are founded upon prejudice or hatred almost invariably overreach themselves. At the Emmet meeting on Sunday, the Irishmen present, with the plain intention of influencing American public opinion, denounced England for oppression and approved Russia as being more civilized than the former. There may be some difference of opinion in this country about England's methods; there is none about those of Russia. Every American knows of the fiendish cruelty she shows not only to her dependent or conquered subjects, but to her own people. And, knowing this, they will naturally ask: If this statement about Russia is so utterly opposed to the known truth why are not the statements about England equally false?

Buffalo, March 11.



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THIS PAPER IS PRINTED WITH THE QUEEN CITY PRINTING CO. SINK, Cincinnati, Ohio. A. W. WATKINS, Representative.

## AN APOLOGY.

Hamilton Spectator. We print the speech from the throne because of habit; not that there is anything in it.

## DELIVERING THE GOODS.

Hamilton Spectator. Of course it cannot possibly be that man Tarte who is playing hob with the Laurier gang in Quebec. But somebody or something is doing it.

## BEFORE REAL ESTATE ADVANCES

Toronto Star.

Let us round out confederation by taking Newfoundland in. The sooner it is done the cheaper and better for all concerned.

## THE SUPPLY OF FICTION.

Toronto Telegram.

Some people are so fond of fiction that they will stay up stairs and read the Globe. Others go to the cellar and read the gas meter.

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## Local Briefs

R. Aiken, of Dresden, spent yesterday in town.

W. D. Sheldon spent yesterday with his son Morton, in Detroit.

F. R. Gregory, of Leamington, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

Night watchman wanted; must be a good steady man. Apply at Chatham Manufacturing Co. office.

Mrs. Walter A. Thrasar, of London, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kemp, this city.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

Frank Wellman, the celebrated piano virtuoso, of Toronto, and Miss Carrie Estelle Williams and Harold Jarvis, of Detroit, will appear at the Grand Opera House, in concert, on the 25th of March.

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The road scraper was used on the streets yesterday, clearing the snow from the gutters. A citizen who was watching the operations was heard to say, "That's a piece of top foolery a waste of our good money."

Plan now open, at Tachirhart's Music Store, for St. Patrick's Concert, at St. Joseph's Hall, March 17th. td

Mrs. Richard Maloney, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday visiting her husband, who is taking a course of mineral baths at the Sanitarium. Mr. Maloney is suffering with a bad attack of rheumatism, but he is much improved since first taking the baths.

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Rev. Jas. Farquharson, Pilot Mound, Man., spent Sunday and Monday with his brother, D. R. Farquharson, collector of Customs, and left for the west on Monday. Mr. Farquharson was a delegate to the Presbyterian Home Mission Society that held its annual meeting in Toronto last week.

His brother, Rev. Robert Farquharson, who is located at Durham, a short distance from Toronto, was unable to attend the meeting owing to the recent heavy storms, while his brother, living hundreds of miles from the city, was able to be in attendance.

## DISTRICT DOINGS.

## TILBURY

Mar. 16.—Miss Winnie Hamilton, who has been visiting her cousin here, Mrs. Frank Reno, returns to her home in Toronto to-day.

The Hawthorne Musical Club, the fifth number of the Lyceum Course, will appear in Anderson Hall on Friday evening, 18th inst.

Mrs. Adamson returned on Monday from Montana, and is visiting her daughter here, Mrs. W. J. Moffat.

Miss Stinson is spending the day in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lees have been visiting relatives in Leamington this week. H. Johnston has purchased the Scriven Book from J. E. Scriven, tin-smith, and will open up an establishment for agricultural implements.

## BLENHEIM

March 16.—Mr. Elston Burchell is visiting relatives at Morpeth.

Over \$100 per acre has been made by farmers in Kent county growing sugar beets. A public meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7.30 p. m. to discuss this money making crop. Mr. D. A. Gordon, president, and other representatives of the Wellacsbury Sugar Co. Limited, will be present.

E. Henniker has severed his connection with Mr. A. W. Bell. Next Monday he will be on the staff of Watson & McCorvie, Mill.

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Heavy Quality 2-Ply Carpets, pure wool, firm weave, will give excellent wear, in large range of reversible designs and colorings, special per yard

Heavy Wool Carpets, pure wool filling with cotton chain warp, full yard wide, choice reversible designs, fast colorings, special a yard 60c and 50c.

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MARRIED MAN AND HIS WIFE WANTED—Who are accustomed to farm work; must be able to furnish references. Apply to A. E. Field, Chatham P. O.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barber trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 48 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.

## FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE—A house and three acres of land in the city for sale at a bargain. Apply to S. B. Arnold, Barrister, Fifth street, Chatham.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Matilda Wilkins, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to chapter 129, R. S. O. 1897, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said deceased, who died on or about the 21st of February, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid, or deliver to S. B. Arnold, Barrister, Chatham, on or before the 12th day of April, 1904, their names and addresses with full particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them duly verified.

Notice is further given that after the said 12th day of April, 1904, the executors of the said estate 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 the said executors or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

S. B. ARNOLD,

Solicitor for Executors  
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