

## The Planet

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

### HELP ON THE RED CROSS WORK.

Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian branch of the Red Cross Society, writes The Planet as follows:—

As no doubt you are well aware, the Government proposes to send a second contingent, composed of the flower of our young men, to assist in maintaining British supremacy in South Africa, and to give the world a demonstration of the solidarity of the British Empire. These troops will be equipped in most essentials by the Government. There are, however, many common comforts which the Government will not supply, both in the way of clothing and food. This society, which is the recognized agency for voluntary aid, proposes to furnish the contingent with bath towels, 2,000 handkerchiefs, 250 pairs of slippers for sick or footsore, tobacco, wooden pipes, lime juice cordial, beef iron and wine, cocoa, cocoa wine, lime juice, pickles, jams, canned fruits, fluid beef, beef essence, Fuller's earth, toilet soap, stationery, etc., and surgical dressings. These proposals, which necessarily involve the expenditure of a very considerable sum of money. We again confidently appeal to the public to assist in this good and patriotic cause. We would feel grateful for subscriptions which may be sent to the treasurer, 60 College street, Toronto.

### THE COAL OIL ROBBERY.

Here is the St. Thomas Journal's attempt to excuse the Government's blunder in the matter of coal oil:—

"The concession which Mr. Fielding made in regard to the importation of oil in tank steamships and a slight lowering of the duty are blamed by Conservative newspapers for the high prices which the Standard Oil Company is inflicting on consumers, including gas companies. Inasmuch as the gas men are going to ask the Government to entirely remove the duty on gas oil, this story does not appear to harmonize with the facts. The real state of the case seems to be that the Standard Oil Co. has obtained the advantage by a secret discrimination of rates in its favor by the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. The matter was supposed to have been settled and the discrimination removed, but there is at least room to doubt it. Here is another argument in favor of an independent railroad commission."

The Journal's attack on the railroads, to shield the government, only makes things worse. The handle the Standard Oil octopus uses against the roads, is the threat to import oil in tank steamers if the railroads do not give the monopoly a special rate. Under the late Conservative administration the Standard Company, through its Canadian boomers in the House of Commons, tried again and again to secure permission to send oil into Canada in tank steamers, and tank cars. The permission was always refused until the present government got into power. Then it was granted. While the Standard Company could only send its oil here in barrels, Canadian refiners could defy it, and so could the railroads. When it was enabled to send in its products in bulk, our own independent refiners quit and sold out to the monopoly. As a result the price of Canadian oil is now regulated in the United States.

All this is due to the blunder of an inexperienced minister. Archie Campbell and many Liberal candidates had promised the people cheap coal

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oil. Jim Lister, and two or three other M. P.'s from the petroleum districts, opposed any reduction in the duty. The minister tried to satisfy both sides by the tank concession, and lamentably failed.

Oil will now soon be double what it was when the Conservatives were in power. The present government can force the price down by removing duty. But the removal of the duty will not restore the independent oil refineries which the Standard has gobbled up. It will simply close down our oil fields and make us burn American oil. So Mr. Fielding's blunder leads to this. We must either retain the duty and continue buying double priced oil, or remove the duty, get cheap American oil and abandon our own oil fields. It is an unpleasant alternative, but the government got the country into the mess, let it get it out again.

### WHY KITCHENER WAS FIRST TURNED DOWN.

Some time ago an English exchange had the following:—"Rumor says that Lord Kitchener, when he was last in England, made strenuous efforts to obtain a command, and even the command in South Africa, suggesting to the authorities that one of his brigadiers, Maxwell or Lewis, could be entrusted with the pursuit of the Khalfi, while he was winning laurels at the Cape. The appointment would no doubt have been very popular; but, apart from the fact that Kitchener is still one of the juniors, there was the more solid reason against him that he knows absolutely nothing of the peculiar conditions of South African warfare. While the question was still unsettled, a prominent statesman, whom it would be unfair to name, was asked if there was any chance of the Sirdar being sent to the Cape. "Let us hope not," he said; "he might embarrass us terribly. Why, when he got to Pretoria the man might actually send Mr. Kruger's head to Madame Tussaud's!"

### THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE.

Are we utterly dependent upon coal, so that the wheels of industry will stop when the forests be consumed for fuel when coal gives out? As a writer in Gunton's Magazine, of course not. It is an idle fear. Already we have the beginning of a new method of utilizing natural energy, which will prove enormously more effective than coal ever has been and will be practically inexhaustible, to whatever extent industry may expand.

Electrical energy, developed by water power, will light the world's industries, furnish light and heat, and be the universal substitute for all forms of combustion methods. Water power is practically unlimited. And it will be utilized more and more in proportion as the need for it arises and as its use becomes, at different places and at successive periods, cheaper than coal. The substitution will proceed gradually, until, when the coal supply finally is exhausted, nobody will have anything more than a curious or academic interest in the matter, and probably not a ripple will be produced in the steady, onward flow of the world's industry. As the use of water power to develop electrical energy increases to the point of formidable competition with coal, electrical students and inventors will doubtless bring out improvements making it possible to store the power

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Look up the cards of the candidates in this issue, and pick out your choice.

Where is the man who said this was going to be an open winter?

Would-be Fenians, who talk of invading Canada, would find this grand climate extremely unhealthy in the present state of public feeling.

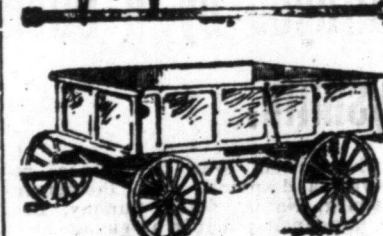
We wish to call Archie Campbell's attention to the fact that the increased charge for coal oil is equal to about \$4 per year on every family using petroleum in Canada. This money, which in the aggregate amounts to millions, is going into the pockets of American millionaires. What is Mr. Campbell going to do about it?

We thought this end of the century matter was settled long ago. There is no ground for argument over it. Ninety-nine years do not make a century, nor do 1899 years make 19 centuries. It takes 100 years, and as soon as these 100 years are completed, the twentieth century will begin. That will be on January 1, 1901.

### FARM WAGONS.

Some Points That Should Be in the Best of Them—Low Wagon With Rack Above.

I have often wondered, writes a correspondent, why it was that manufacturers did not make farm wagons more especially and particularly adapted for use on the farm than they do. The kind that are usually put out all over the country do very well on the road, but they do not fill the bill on the farm. The wheels are as a rule too high and it takes one side of a ten-acre field to turn around in, unless the body is made so narrow that it won't hold anything. We have had our farm wagons of late years made to order in the following manner: The front wheels are 40 inches high, hind wheels 50 inches. We prefer broad to narrow tires for farm use. The front axle is made eight inches short-



LOW WAGON WITH RACK ABOVE.

er than the hind one. Hind bolster nine inches wide, front one ten inches. The break is fastened to the gear. The standards are made of iron, projecting above bolster six inches, and extending down through same and taking a nut. The width of body is 51 inches, almost a foot wider than ordinary bays. The front wheels turn under the wagon bed, and by this means you can turn round in a very small space, as is often necessary to do on the farm. The doubletree extends out on either side even with the front wheel, thus throwing your horse far apart, and on the road they follow the wagon track. Thus distanced they are not bumping each other or treading on each other's feet in turning round.

In addition to the regular wagon body take two cross-pieces, 10 feet long, 2 inches thick and 6 inches wide, and on this you bolt on cross-pieces, a two at each end, one on top and another on bottom of rail, and then bolt one piece in middle, 15 on the under side of rail. This makes a good support for the floor, and let us have a good rack for hauling all kinds of grain, grass or straw. Outside this frame, between the rails and hind wheels, we nail a board, 4 about three feet long and 15 inches wide to keep the hay or grain off of the wheel. Or instead of board, a frame can be made out of 1x3-inch slats to answer the same purpose. This rack is also very convenient to haul threshed wheat, potatoes, fertilizer or anything that is in bags, and being low down is easily loaded and unloaded. If a farmer tries this sort of an outfit once he will not have any other. It costs a little more to have a wagon made in this style than to buy one as usual, but this additional cost is nothing compared with the great convenience found in using such a wagon for all purposes on the farm.

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### FOR ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

JOHN HENDERSHOTT.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,  
W. E. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am a candidate for the council for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain,  
Yours truly,  
GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain,  
Your obedient servant,  
A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I again solicit your vote and influence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900. As I will be out of the city during the incoming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.  
Respectfully yours,  
GEORGE STEPHENS.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for all the compliments of the season. I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
W. S. MARSHALL.

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FOR ALDERMAN 1900

### FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
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WM. ROBERTSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall esteem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,  
ALEX. YONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,  
ANDREW THOMSON.

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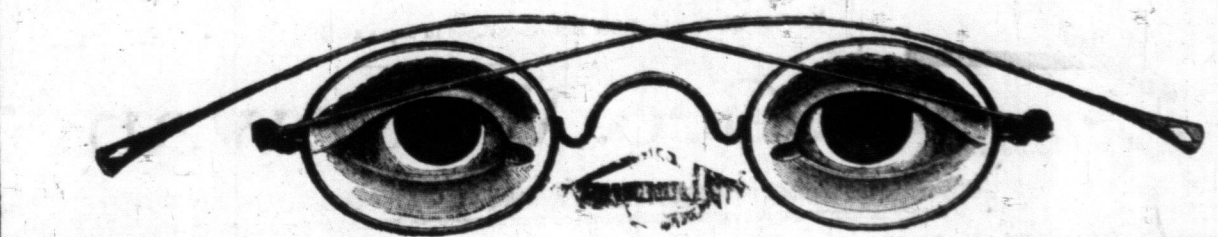
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To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ANDREW J. PIKE.

To the Electors of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Having consented to enter the arena of municipal politics, I respectfully request your support and influence.

JIM MCCORMICK.

To the Electors of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am a candidate for the position of Reeve for the Township of Harwich for the coming year. I therefore so solicit your votes and influence in my behalf, to secure my election. Thanking you for past honors, if elected I will endeavor to safeguard your interests to the very best of my ability. Believe me to be yours very truly,  
E. B. TOLLE.

To the Electors of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,  
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