

## The Planet

B. STEPHENSON Proprietor

Business Office: No. 53 A  
Editorial Room: No. 53 B

**RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION.**  
THE DAILY PLANET, ONE YEAR \$4.00  
THE WEEKLY PLANET, ONE YEAR \$1.00  
This Planet will be sent free of postage to any address in Canada or the United States.

**RATES OF ADVERTISING.**  
Schedule of advertising rates will be promptly furnished on application to the business office.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**  
No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. Whatever is intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

**TO SUBSCRIBERS IN CHATHAM.**  
You will confer a favor by reporting irregular service by telephone No. 53 A. The complaint will receive prompt attention.

**TO SUBSCRIBERS OUTSIDE OF CHATHAM.**  
If your paper fails to arrive regularly, or if you suggest a better connection, or a better route, please communicate with the circulation department.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4.

### THE COUNTY PARLIAMENT.

This week the Maple City is entertaining the members of the Kent County Council, who are in attendance at the closing session of the year.

Our county has been well served by its representatives, and it is a subject for congratulation that municipal matters are in such a satisfactory condition.

It is anticipated that the duties of the present session, while quite arduous, will not be unduly heavy. Much effort will be spent in properly closing the year's work with an aim to having a "clean sheet" for the new council. It is a commendable object. The commissioners will remain in harness for another year, which is well. They have shown themselves good stewards of the interests of their fine and fair constituency.

### FOR SHAME!

Confined in the County Jail in Chatham at the present time is an old man—a veteran of the American civil war—serving time as a vagrant. He was committed from a neighboring town.

Of this man, his good deeds, his misdeeds and his past, The Planet knows nothing—and cares little. But it enters a protest, an emphatic protest, against the treatment which has been accorded him.

The prisoner is suffering from a very severe burn on the thigh. At times he endures much pain and is totally unable to leave his bed. The jail physician says he should be in the hospital and under the care of skilled nurses.

Someone surely has blundered. No matter who. Humanity demands different treatment to such a sufferer, be he citizen or criminal.

We trust that the matter will have the immediate and full consideration of the members of the County Council.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The citizens will heartily endorse the action of the City Council on Monday night in donating a grant to the good work of the local Salvation Army in providing a free luncheon to three hundred of our poor on the occasion of Christmas.

That the Salvation Army is doing much good is universally admitted. Some, it is true, may question their methods and manners of conducting religious campaign, but the fact remains that the organization has accomplished wonderful results in the betterment of mankind.

The proposal of the local corps to cater to the poor and unfortunate at the season of Christian commemoration and festivity is especially commendable. It is practical, generous, worthy, and will be endorsed.

That all our citizens have been enabled to contribute to this good work, through the donation of their civic representatives, will occasion no regret.

HON. MR. ROSS AND PROHIBITION.

Nearly every Liberal paper in Ontario is advising the government what to do with the prohibition question, points out the Toronto News. The advice ranges from positive denial of the pledge given by the Premier to the taking of another plebiscite, but so far as we have been able to discover, not a single organ of the government has yet advised Hon. Mr. Ross to fulfil his pledge like a man.

The question upon which Mr. Ross felt free to pledge himself in February last—and which at that time seemed to be without serious complications—has suddenly become an intricate problem with the supporters of the government. When Mr. Ross told the deputations of the Dominion Alliance that he would go as far in the direction of prohibition as the law would permit, he did not question the ability

## Catarrh

The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane.

It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications.

It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption.

Many have been radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cleanses the blood and has a peculiar alternative and tonic effect. M. J. McDonald, Trenton, Ont., writes: "I had catarrh, my system was weak, blood was bad, and my liver torpid and inactive. I tried many medicines without benefit until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has completely cured me and I highly recommend it to all sufferers."

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is better not to put off treatment—buy Hood's today.

ity of the government to enforce the law nor the readiness of the province for a prohibitory measure.

He did not tell them that if the decision of the Privy Council should be favorable to the Hugh John Macdonald Act that he would take another plebiscite or have a referendum. The only interpretation his promise was capable of was that he would enact a prohibitory law if the decision of the Privy Council upheld the validity of the Macdonald Act.

The lifelong record of the Premier as a prohibitionist, his position as one of the leading officers of the Dominion Alliance, and the fact that his government had already taken a plebiscite on the question, served to convince the temperance people that the Premier was in earnest, and that he had considered the matter from every side. It can hardly be claimed, at all events, that there has been time for consideration of this important question, for it has been within the range of practical politics for a quarter of a century, during the whole of which period Hon. G. W. Ross has been within the range in the forefront of the movement.

The situation that confronts the Premier is whether he will follow his own convictions in the matter—keep his word to the temperance people with whom he has been working for a quarter of a century—and enact a prohibitory liquor law, or whether he will violate the pledge he made and evade the question by adopting one of the many subterfuges that the active brains of his journalistic allies are evolving.

No person can doubt the difficulty of the position in which the Premier finds himself. His own record and the history of his party impel him to stake the life of his Government upon the prohibition issue. He must feel that it is the manly, the honest thing to do.

### SEVEN TO ONE

Sometimes the weight goes up that way when taking Scott's Emulsion. Seven pounds of new, healthy flesh from a one pound bottle of Scott's Emulsion is on record.

Scott's Emulsion brings everything to its aid; good appetite, strong digestion, rich blood, new body strength, and above all the power to get all the good out of ordinary food. For those who are in need of more flesh there is nothing better. Thin folks—try it!

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

### MISS S. HAYNE

Pupil W. H. Hewlett, Organist of Christ Church.

Teacher in

Pipe Organ, Piano and

Vocal Training.

33 Grant St., Chatham North

\*\*\*\*\*

### Order Your

Storm Doors

And

Storm Windows

Painted and Fitted

Complete at the

Lowest Possible Price.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Blonde Bros. & Co.

\*\*\*\*\*

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

and that his personal reputation will suffer grievously by the adoption of any other course. Mr. Ross is not a young man. He has won all the honors that the province has to confer upon him. He stands to-day in the highest place in Ontario. If he decides the question that is now filling the public mind—and that is left to him for decision—in the way that would give him the greatest satisfaction, he will carry out his pledge and put upon the statute book of Ontario at the next session of the Legislature a workable measure of prohibition.

We cannot conceive that the Hon. Mr. Ross would personally prefer to take any other course. But if his colleagues in the Government and the Legislature should persuade him to falter in the performance of what must seem to him to be a plain duty, we believe that his last days will be embittered with the reflection that in the supreme issue of his political life he failed. The only other honorable course that is left for the Premier is to resign the leadership of the Government into the hands of some man who can carry out the will of the party without the loss of personal integrity that is involved in the abandonment of the pledge he has given to the prohibitionists of this province.

Every man who appreciates the difficulty of the position in which the Premier stands must sympathize with him. But his best friends—those who view the temperance agitation which has proceeded for twenty-five years, and the part he has taken in it from first to last—must see how sad a loss of honor he would sustain, and how low a place he would be given by the historian of this province, were he at this stage of his career to stultify himself on his great moral issue, for which he has contended so long and vigorously, by playing the part of a trimmer and restoring to any of the subterfuges that are being pressed upon him by clerical and secular supporters.

The question as to whether a prohibitory liquor law would be wise for Ontario is one that the Hon. Mr. Ross is incompetent to discuss at this time. He has answered it in the affirmative for many years.

To doubt it now would leave him open to a charge of duplicity that would be most damaging to his reputation. The political life of this or any other country has no sight so sad as the compelling by young, vigorous and unscrupulous men the execution by honorable age of a policy that has been opposed for a lifetime.

We say there is no sadder sight in the public life of Canada than the position that Sir Richard Cartwright holds in the councils of the nation—a position in which the practical politicians of the Ontario Government are striving to place their Premier.

"Remember Ross" has given place to "Remember Ross' promise." Is the apt way in which the Hamilton Spectator puts it.

The sympathy of the common people for an unfortunate man is always sure. General Buller may have been a poor general, but he has fallen on evil days, and that is enough to touch the heart of England. Sunday last was "Buller Sunday" and the vast procession of workmen that paraded the streets of London and cheered for the retired fighter, was the biggest demonstration that London has seen for years.

Our esteemed confrere, Brer. Smiff, was evidently in a somewhat ferocious mood when he penned the following in the editorial columns of the Bobcaygeon Independent:

From the beginning the British and Boers have played the game with the most punctilious regard to the laws of etiquette. If they ever fired on each other without a formal introduction they have apologized. If the Germans had taken the same course instead of vanquishing the French in a few months, they would have been fighting to this day. The Germans were right. War is hell, and should be played on strict bell rules. To temper war with mercy is only to prolong and increase the damnable work. If hell must be played they play it straight, and clean to the limit.

Carry Your Own Lunches. It is very curious to notice how the custom of carrying a lunch on a train is steadily coming back into favor. At first everybody did it, just as they now do in England, on account of the absence of dining cars. When these were introduced the really fashionable people immediately began to patronize them, and left the lunch basket to those who could afford nothing better. Now, however, it is considered the correct thing to have one's lunch put up in a dainty basket by a good caterer.

Burnt Cork. The rising curtain displayed to the usual aggregation of kettle drums, burnt cork and fat endmen.

"My brother, William," began Bones, "just obtained a job as a street car conductor. He goes by the name of 'Menu' now."

"And why does your brother William go by the name of 'Menu'?" asked the interlocutor.

"Because he's a bill of fare," the joke was a new one and those who had dollar seats smiled their approval.

### Abraham Lincoln's Mother.

"All I am I owe to my mother."

So said the most typical American of Americans, Abraham Lincoln. Only recently has Mr. Lincoln's genealogy been definitely ascertained. On his father's side he came from the Puritan stock. His mother belonged to a family of Quakers. From Irish Hanks, to his dad, except the mother of the illustrious, God-given martyr President.

She was a winsome Virginian maiden, tall, dark, dignified, with few equals in her day for grace of manner and intellectual attainments. Her reverent, devout nature was given her by generations of pious ancestors, men who believed in God, feared Him and nobody else.

She went with her brave husband out on the frontiers of Western life, leaving behind the sunny South. Few books were to be had, except her constant volume, the Bible, and her noble conduct accords with its precepts. She longed for a larger life but patiently endured her lot. Yet she did not wonder that the almost starry eyes looked sadly into the past, and a shadow often threw itself across her benign face as she reflected upon a cheerless present and a dismal future.

Her home was a log-cabin of one room only. No doors had been hung. The skin of a deer stretched across the opening—a poor protection from the winter's blast. The stars could be seen as she lay on her rude bed of straw. In this shelter Abraham Lincoln was born, February 12, 1809, and when he was ten years old, he was left motherless.

In after years, he speaks of her, this great woman, so brief a space given to him, and given amid such fearful odds, such poverty, such hardship. The verdict which he gave is: "All I am I owe to my mother."

Oh, men of America, what a testimony from our greatest modern American! Aye, the greatest of all our heroes! And how many more could re-echo his words, if called upon for testimony. And you, the mothers of our great ones and of all the "leal," hearted and brave, such a message as this to you is a thrill of joy.

She it was who, in ten short years of his infant life, so moulded his character, purified his ambitions, made his aims—and him all he was to us and the race, that in his after days and amid all his checkered life, she still remained his guiding angel, the star of his proud, glorious destiny, until the assassin's bullet set him free to rejoin the mother to whom he owed so much.

### Here and There.

"He—the plants thorns should never go barefooted," is an old saying. Of course you know what that means. The planted thorns are quite sure to come up, and in the path of the one who planted them, so that if he goes barefooted he will feel their sharp pricks himself. There is another way of putting it: Those who carelessly or purposely make trouble for others find trouble for themselves. Isn't that true?

The proprietor of one of the great Chicago dailies, when twelve years old, was a newspaper carrier working from daybreak until school-time. One wintry morning the slight little fellow reached home very much chilled by his long struggle with a big bundle of papers amid snow-drifts and contrary winds.

"Never mind Hermann," said his mother encouragingly, you will not have to carry papers all your life. "No," mother, replied the slip of a boy, "I intend to own a big newspaper of my own some day."

In Scotland and the North of Ireland, and in some parts of our own country, the phrase, "the time the cock died," is common in the mouths of the people. The saying originated in this old song:

"There was an old man, and he had an old cow,  
And he had nothing to give her;  
So he took out his fiddle and played  
Her a tune—  
Consider, good fellow, consider."

Guard Against Inelegance of Speech. "Lapses in grammar do not offend when they are made by the illiterate who have not been taught propriety of speech. But they are exceedingly disgraceful in the educated person," writes Margaret E. Sangster, in The Ladies' Home Journal.

"Beyond mere correctness of expression there is such a thing as a beautiful choice of words, and there are hall-marks of culture which the rich vocabulary shows, while the meagre one convicts of ignorance and poverty of resource. Colloquialisms and provincialisms are caught by those who live constantly among the uneducated, but the influence of this contact may be modified by a daily study of words, as in a lexicon or thesaurus, and by the habitual reading of good books. Inensibly we acquire the speech of our associates, and for the author, if he belongs to the aristocracy of the literary guild, is one of the best associates we can have."

It is very curious to notice how the custom of carrying a lunch on a train is steadily coming back into favor. At first everybody did it, just as they now do in England, on account of the absence of dining cars. When these were introduced the really fashionable people immediately began to patronize them, and left the lunch basket to those who could afford nothing better. Now, however, it is considered the correct thing to have one's lunch put up in a dainty basket by a good caterer.

Burnt Cork. The rising curtain displayed to the usual aggregation of kettle drums, burnt cork and fat endmen.

"My brother, William," began Bones, "just obtained a job as a street car conductor. He goes by the name of 'Menu' now."

"And why does your brother William go by the name of 'Menu'?" asked the interlocutor.

"Because he's a bill of fare," the joke was a new one and those who had dollar seats smiled their approval.

### The Northway Co., Limited

### The Busy Cash Store

### The Northway Co., Limited

## Cloaks, Suits and Jackets

Garments that are good and good looking, correct in style, perfect fitting, well tailored and that cost about as little as garments can be made for. As fine garments as anybody wants and variety sufficient for every taste. Every garment the product of our own large factory, guaranteed in every respect the best your money can buy. When you buy Cloaks, Suits, Jackets or Skirts here you buy at manufacturer's prices, with one small profit added for selling expense.

\$5.00 Jackets in heavy beaver cloth, black and fawn, cut in latest style, 27 in. long, double front, point lapels, storm collar, welt seams, large twill linings; heavy all wool frieze coats, semi-box back, double front with coat or storm collar, lapels and pockets finished in velvet, black and navy, sizes 30 in. to 42 in. the best \$5 coats shown in Chatham this season.

\$10.00 Jackets, superior quality imported heavy cloth, cut in latest semi-box back style 27 in. and 36 in. long, coat or storm collar, point lapels, seek stitched finish, lined and unlined, in fawn, beaver, castor and black, matchless styles and values at \$10.00.

Ladies' Tailored Suits—We have some 20 odd suits still on hand, most of them are sample suits, not any two alike, but every one up-to-date in style, in the most fashionable materials and colorings, made to sell at \$10.00 to \$25.00 each, we offer you, pick of the lot at \$6.90 to \$14.90.



Fur Lined Cloaks—Rich broadcloths and Mallatasse cloths, in black and colors, extra sweep, trimmed all round with rich Thibet fur, large Thibet collar, rich Caluga fur lining throughout, very stylish garments, at each, \$15, \$18.50, \$20.00 and \$25.00.

\$6.90 Jackets, 3-4 lengths, fine all wool frieze cloth, good weight, semi-box style, storm collar, double front, stitched finish, Oxford grey and black, sizes 30 to 42 inches, a perfect fitting dressy coat, a genuine bargain at \$6.90.

\$3.90 Jackets, very latest style at that, made of heavy black boucle cloth, cut in same style as higher priced garments, coat collar, double front, mannequin or flannel lined, all sizes, a heap of comfort and style for \$3.90.

Jackets at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, including everything that's correct, material, color, style and value, handsomely finished garments and scores of them to select from.

### The Northway Company Ltd., CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE

## THE WOOLEN MILLS

Leave your order for Fall Suitings and Dress Goods. Samples furnished upon application.

## FALL SUITINGS and DRESS GOODS....

Our range of Fashionable Fall Suitings and Dress Goods was never larger or more complete than at present or have our prices been lower. We have a fashionable cutter and a large staff of tailors always engaged and we are offering you an unexcelled line of patterns to select from.

The T. H. Taylor Co., (LIMITED) Beaver Flour the Best.

## Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

## CURES PILES IN 5 DAYS

Dr. Agnew's Ointment might have a thousand testifying to its merits as an absolute cure for Piles only, but it cures permanently all manner of skin diseases too.

Adam Brydon, of Delaware Ave., Chatham, Ont., is a well known man in the west, and what he says of Dr. Agnew's Ointment can easily be verified. "I was troubled for a long time with piles. On the recommendation of our leading druggist I tried a box of this remarkable ointment, and after applying for four or five nights, it completely cured me of this troublesome ailment, and I heartily recommend it to all like sufferers."

Sold by J. W. McLaren, Druggist.

## The Best Fire for These Fall Days is a

## GAS FIRE

You can get a nice gas heater, capable of heating a large room for \$1.75, or rent one for 25c per month. Try one and save your furnace fire.

## ...The... Chatham Gas Co. LIMITED.

## Book's Cotton Root Compound

Is successfully used monthly by over 100,000 ladies. Safe, efficient. Let us send you a free trial of Book's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other medicine. Price, No. 1, 25c per box; No. 2, 50c per box; No. 3, \$1.00 per box. No. 4, \$2.00 per box. No. 5, \$3.00 per box. No. 6, \$4.00 per box. No. 7, \$5.00 per box. No. 8, \$6.00 per box. No. 9, \$7.00 per box. No. 10, \$8.00 per box. No. 11, \$9.00 per box. No. 12, \$10.00 per box. No. 13, \$11.00 per box. No. 14, \$12.00 per box. No. 15, \$13.00 per box. No. 16, \$14.00 per box. No. 17, \$15.00 per box. No. 18, \$16.00 per box. No. 19, \$17.00 per box. No. 20, \$18.00 per box. No. 21, \$19.00 per box. No. 22, \$20.00 per box. No. 23, \$21.00 per box. No. 24, \$22.00 per box. No. 25, \$23.00 per box. No. 26, \$24.00 per box. No. 27, \$25.00 per box. No. 28, \$26.00 per box. No. 29, \$27.00 per box. No. 30, \$28.00 per box. No. 31, \$29.00 per box. No. 32, \$30.00 per box. No. 33, \$31.00 per box. No. 34, \$32.00 per box. No. 35, \$33.00 per box. No. 36, \$34.00 per box. No. 37, \$35.00 per box. No. 38, \$36.00 per box. No. 39, \$37.00 per box. No. 40, \$38.00 per box. No. 41, \$39.00 per box. No. 42, \$40.00 per box. No. 43, \$41.00 per box. No. 44, \$42.00 per box. No. 45, \$43.00 per box. No. 46, \$44.00 per box. No. 47, \$45.00 per box. No. 48, \$46.00 per box. No. 49, \$47.00 per box. No. 50, \$48.00 per box. No. 51, \$49.00 per box. No. 52, \$50.00 per box. No. 53, \$51.00 per box. No. 54, \$52.00 per box. No. 55, \$53.00 per box. No. 56, \$54.00 per box. No. 57, \$55.00 per box. No. 58, \$56.00 per box. No. 59, \$57.00 per box. No. 60, \$58.00 per box. No. 61, \$59.00 per box. No. 62, \$60.00 per box. No. 63, \$61.00 per box. No. 64, \$62.00 per box. No. 65, \$63.00 per box. No. 66, \$64.00 per box. No. 67, \$65.00 per box. No. 68, \$66.00 per box. No. 69, \$67.00 per box. No. 70, \$68.00 per box. No. 71, \$69.00 per box. No. 72, \$70.00 per box. No. 73, \$71.00 per box. No. 74, \$72.00 per box. No. 75, \$73.00 per box. No. 76, \$74.00 per box. No. 77, \$75.00 per box. No. 78, \$76.00 per box. No. 79, \$77.00 per box. No. 80, \$78.00 per box. No. 81, \$79.00 per box. No. 82, \$80.00 per box. No. 83, \$81.00 per box. No. 84, \$82.00 per box. No. 85, \$83.00 per box. No. 86, \$84.00 per box. No. 87, \$85.00 per box. No. 88, \$86.00 per box. No. 89, \$87.00 per box. No. 90, \$88.00 per box. No. 91, \$89.00 per box. No. 92, \$90.00 per box. No. 93, \$91.00 per box. No. 94, \$92.00 per box. No. 95, \$93.00 per box. No. 96, \$94.00 per box. No. 97, \$95.00 per box. No. 98, \$96.00 per box. No. 99, \$97.00 per box. No. 100, \$98.00 per box. No. 101, \$99.00 per box. No. 102, \$100.00 per box. No. 103, \$101.00 per box. No. 104, \$102.00 per box. No. 105, \$103.00 per box. No. 106, \$104.00 per box. No. 107, \$105.00 per box. No. 108, \$106.00 per box. No. 109, \$107.00 per box. No. 110, \$108.00 per box. No. 111, \$109.00 per box. No. 112, \$110.00 per box. No. 113, \$111.00 per box. No. 114, \$112.00 per box. No. 115, \$113.00 per box. No. 116, \$114.00 per box. No. 117, \$115.00 per box. No. 118, \$116.00 per box. No. 119, \$117.00 per box. No. 120, \$118.00 per box. No. 121, \$119.00 per box. No. 122, \$120.00 per box. No. 123, \$121.00 per box. No. 124, \$122.00 per box. No. 125, \$123.00 per box. No. 126, \$124.00 per box. No. 127, \$125.00 per box. No. 128, \$126.00 per box. No. 129, \$127.00 per box. No. 130, \$128.00 per box. No. 131, \$129.00 per box. No. 132, \$130.00 per box. No. 133, \$131.00 per box. No. 134, \$132.00 per box. No. 135, \$133.00 per box. No. 136, \$134.00 per box. No. 137, \$135.00 per box. No. 138, \$136.00 per box. No. 139, \$137.00 per box. No. 140, \$138.00 per box. No. 141, \$139.00 per box. No. 142, \$140.00 per box. No. 143, \$141.00 per box. No. 144, \$142.00 per box. No. 145, \$143.00 per box. No. 146, \$1