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**PROBABILITIES.**  
Special to The Planet.  
Toronto, Jan. 27.—10 a. m.—Cloudy and mild; light local snow or rain. Wednesday, becoming colder.

**TO-NIGHT.**  
Social evening at the Mess Rooms, at 8.  
Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, 8 o'clock.  
Victoria Ave. Methodist S. S. will hold a social evening in the S. S. hall at 8.  
Special religious services will be held in the William St. Baptist Church at 8 o'clock.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Remember the At Home on Thursday evening at Mrs. Wm. Somerville's, Wellington St., under the auspices of St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid. Silver collection.

Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church will give an At Home on Thursday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Somerville, Wellington St. Silver collection.

Sam. Hungerford, London, was in the city yesterday. (Mr. Hungerford met with an accident last week, slipping on a slippery walk, by which he fractured a couple of ribs.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns to-day a lot of local matter has unavoidably been held over. It will appear to-morrow.

Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church will give an At Home on Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Somerville, Wellington St. Silver collection.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the Council Chamber, Harrison Hall, on Friday evening, 30th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the transaction of general business and the election of officers for the ensuing year. All members are requested to be present.

## TWO BARRELS PER

The Chatham Oil Co. made a test of their well this afternoon. The oil came up about 200 feet in the well and the members of the company feel that they have a good strike. The well is on the farm of Ernest Edwards, and is about four miles north of the Gushier.

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## MR. SCHOLFIELD TO LEAVE CITY

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The news that Manager G. F. Scholfield, of the Standard Bank here, will, within the next two months, leave this city to enter upon his new duties as a manager of the chief office of the

Standard Bank at Toronto, will be received with profound regret by all Chathamites. While congratulating Mr. Scholfield upon his splendid advancement it will be felt that the Maple City suffers an irreparable loss in his departure.

Mr. Scholfield has been the head of the local branch of the bank for the past ten years. When he assumed charge the bank occupied the old premises, now devoted to the wing of the Gordon store and employed but three clerks; to-day it is installed in the new and modernly equipped building, employs a complement of twelve clerks and does a business unequalled by any branch of its size in the country. That this marvellous progress and development has been brought about largely by Mr. Scholfield's own personality and enterprising business methods is universally admitted.

As a citizen Mr. Scholfield has been indefatigable in his loyalty and interest in Chatham's prosperity. He is an esteemed and valued member of the council of the City Board of Trade and a director of the Sutherland-Innes Company, The Canada Flour Mills Company, The Chatham Manufacturing Company, The Dowseley Company, and other local industrial establishments. He has also been an ardent supporter of all healthy and moral athletics, being actively identified with the curling, cricket, football, bowling, baseball and lacrosse clubs of this city.

When seen by The Planet this morning Mr. Scholfield had just returned from an inspection trip east. He said he would not be leaving Chatham permanently for at least two months.

## GIVES PROMISE

The Coryell & Gage well, which was shot last Friday, was pumped yesterday. It showed a flow of about two barrels of oil per hour. The stream appeared to be steady, but very small.

Messrs. Houston, Stone & Scane have removed from their former offices to the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Thornton. Stairway adjoins Somerville's confectionery.

## NARROW ESCAPE

The William Bodger family, living on Centre street, were nearly suffocated by coal gas. This morning Mr. Bodger's father called at the house and, failing to arouse the family, broke into the house. He found Mr. Bodger, his wife, sister-in-law and the baby all overcome by coal gas. Dr. R. V. Bray was summoned and found all four suffering acutely. Fortunately, no serious results are anticipated.

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## NEW WARDEN

Thomas Robinson, of Romney, was elected Warden of Kent for the present year, on the ninth ballot, this afternoon. The vote was, Reynard 2, Sturgis 2, Vester 2, Robinson 9.

Fur gauntlet lost in Chatham or on the River Road between the city and the Dolson farm. A reward will be paid by leaving it at this office.

## CONFESSION TO LYING.

Dublin Says He Did Not Try to Bribe  
Lessler.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Philip Doblin, who testified before the House Committee on Naval Affairs on Saturday that he had approached Representative Lessler of New York with an offer of money to influence his vote on the submarine boat bill, and who made the further statement that he had been told there might be \$1,000 in it for him, made the astounding confession on before that committee yesterday that he had made statements which were not true, and that he wanted to retract them. The confession came without any previous warning that Doblin intended making any such retraction. Members of the committee looked at one another in amazement as Doblin went on with his statement. Gustavus Rogers, an attorney, arose in the committee room after the first witness had left the stand and said he appeared for Mr. Doblin, who had stated to him that he (Doblin) had made some statements on Saturday which were true and some which were false, and held in his hand a statement to which Mr. Doblin had agreed. The committee was unanimous in agreeing that Doblin appear in person forthwith. He was called and made specific denial of all statements he had previously made wherein he alleged attempts at bribery. He was rigidly cross-examined in practically every member of the House Committee and pressed vigorously for an explanation of his action, but persisted that he was now telling the truth and adhered to his denials. When Doblin had left the stand the committee's programme, which contemplated calling Dr. W. R. Kern, was abandoned, and it went into secret session. Some of the members, in view of the remarkable developments, favored dropping the investigation, but others urged that it be continued. It is understood that Mr. Lessler asked that he be permitted to make a statement, and said that he had another witness, who would call, whereupon the committee decided to meet again to-morrow. Representative Lessler was present in the committee room when Doblin gave his testimony.

## THE PLAGUE AT DURBAN.

Natives are Panic-stricken and Leaving the Town.

Durban, Natal, Jan. 27.—Bubonic plague is spreading so seriously here that the natives are panic-stricken. Servants and laborers are leaving the town in large numbers. It is anticipated that the Zululand drifts will be closed so as to prevent the spread of the plague to that territory.

## THE POWERS PROTEST.

Enter Strong Objections To A Chinese Appointment.

Peking, Jan. 27.—Huiien Sun, Governor of Hunan, one of the officials black-listed by the powers after the Boxer troubles on account of complicity in the massacre of missionaries, has been appointed Governor of Shanghai. The Ministers ignored the failure of the Chinese Government to observe the agreement to dismiss him from office, but now the British, French and United States Ministers are sending a note to the Government saying that, considering the former and recent missionary murders in the territory under his jurisdiction, it is not wise to send him to a province where the missionary interests are exceedingly important.

## Coal in Raleigh Township.

Detroit, Jan. 26.—A Port Lambton, Ont., despatch says:—Wm. Parrott of Raleigh Township, who has been boring for oil on his farm, says that at a depth of 400 feet the drill went through an eight-foot vein of coal.

## Death of Mr. George Kay.

Petrolia, Jan. 26.—Geo. Kay, formerly of Sheddin, who was lately appointed agent at Oil City on the Michigan Central Railway, died this morning at Oil City. He leaves a wife and three small children.

## TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Rev. David Chalmers, a superannuated Methodist minister of Hamilton, is dead.

Messrs. Walter Anderson and O. S. Hillman have been appointed City Auditors of Hamilton.

Walter Fitzsimons fell off a bridge near Thorndale and received injuries from which his recovery is doubtful.

The strike of United Brotherhood employees on the Canadian Northern Railway has been officially declared off.

It is altogether likely that the Carnegie library scheme in Montreal will be killed in consequence of the sermon of Archbishop Bruchési.

The Woodstock water and light commissioners have been forced to shut down the electric lighting plant till more coal can be obtained.

Relations between Brazil and Bolivia have assumed a critical phase, owing to the latter's expedition against the disputed territory of Acre.

W. H. Willoughby, the Wallaceburg plumber, who shot himself in the head in the basement of a Marine City, Mich., hotel ten days ago, is dead.

Maurice Grau, who has an international reputation as an opera manager, is ill, and has declined to renew the lease of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Dr. Bryce reported yesterday that the smallpox reserve on the Rainy River had been infected in 16 cases. At St. Thomas there have been 9 cases altogether, at Emo on the Rainy River there have been 4 cases, and at Petrolia one case, which has been traced to St. Thomas.

"Le Canada" is the name chosen for the new French paper to be published in Montreal in the interests of the Liberal party. Mr. Godfrey Langlois, editor-in-chief of La Patrie, will be managing editor. Mr. Marc Saville will be editorial writer and political correspondent, and Mr. Hector Garneau assistant editor. Another point settled is that the new paper will be published in the morning.

## Premiers and Ministers to Meet at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Seven Provincial Premiers are in the city, accompanied in several instances by members of their Cabinets. They will have a preliminary meeting at noon to-day to consider the case which they are to present for a readjustment of Provincial subsidies, and at 3 o'clock they will meet the members of the Federal Government. The Provincial representatives consist of the following:—Ontario—Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Premier; Hon. F. R. Latchford, Quebec—Hon. S. N. Parent, Premier, British Columbia—Lieut.-Col. Prior, Premier; Hon. D. Eberts, Attorney-General, Manitoba—Hon. R. P. Roblin, Premier, Nova Scotia—Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier; Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney-General, New Brunswick—Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Attorney-General, Prince Edward Island—Hon. Arthur Peters, Premier, and Hon. B. Rogers and Hon. John Wheat. The Provincial Premiers are understood to take the ground that the present subsidy is below what it should be on the basis of the present population, and they ask for such amendments to the law as will enable the subsidy grant to be more in keeping with the growth of population.

## FEW REMAINS FOUND.

Charred Bones of Fireman Matthews Recovered From the Debris.

Port Hope, Jan. 26.—After four days' diligent search all that remains of the body of Fireman Thomas Matthews, one of the victims of Wednesday night's fatality on the G.T.R., four miles west of here, was discovered this morning. A few charred bones and a smouldering remnant of a woollen vest are all that was found by which the remains have been identified as those of Fireman Matthews. The remains were brought to Port Hope this morning. The debris has not as yet been all removed, and there is therefore still a small chance of finding some traces of Brakenham Everett.

## LARGE DEALERS CUNNING.

They Left the Detroit Coal Exchange When Trouble Began.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27.—A preliminary injunction was issued against the Detroit Coal Exchange, an organization of thirty dealers, restraining the Exchange from fixing the minimum prices at which coal shall be sold. The fact was brought out that fourteen of the largest dealers have resigned from the Exchange, leaving the smaller dealers to settle with the law.

## Drank Carbolic Acid.

Charlottetown, Jan. 26.—Michael Weatherbie, a painter, drank half an ounce of carbolic acid before his wife's eyes yesterday. He leaves four children.

## Northwest Legislative Nominations.

Banff, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—H. J. Richardson, M.D., of Camrose, and C. W. Fisher, merchant, of Cochrane, were nominated to-day to contest Banff for the Northwest Legislature. Both are supporters of the Haultain Government. The vacancy was caused by the election of Hon. A. L. Sifton to the bench.

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**\$7.50 Men's Ulsters now 4.50**

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**\$6.50 Boys' Raglanettes now 5.00**

of fine quality grey Cheviots, long and full, for ages 8 to 15 years.

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of heavy, all wool Friezes—big collar, well lined, for ages 5 to 12 years.

**\$8.00 Men's Suits now 5.95**

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