

## The Planet.

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## A WINTERLESS WAIL.

Let the lost fault-finder with the ordinary Canadian winter confess his error and vow never again to grumble.

Here is the third day of January and never a sign of snow as yet. It would almost seem as if Nature had forgotten how to make snow and wrap the earth in it. The moon rides in the sky at night as if the month were October. By day children tumble on the grassy lawns, unmindful of the chill and damp, and catch cold. In the morning the citizen starts to walk to his office and makes his way through swirling blizzards of dust.

Better snow by far. Give us the real old Canadian winter with dirt and microbes frozen down solid until the spring frosts melt them away. It is all right to save money on coal. But where's the saving, after all, if clothes are ruined, eyes blinded, and a thousand different varieties of disease germs are breathed into the system? Good old winter will be received with general welcome when it comes.—Toronto Star.

It is a fact that the people of Canada like their winter season—it is only when they miss it that they realize how much they do. They then have an opportunity of knowing how disagreeable is a land where there is no winter. The tropics have their soggy, enervating humid "rainy season," the temperate zones have their raw, cold rains and fogs, or their beastly dust blizzards, and both have a miscellaneous collection of insect pests and reptiles bred of the climate to aid in making burdensome the lives of man and beast. What Canadian who was in South Africa would not prefer a clean Canadian blizzard to a February Cape dust storm? One thousand men we know of after a year in the snowless south, sent up a glad, spontaneous cheer when they saw the snow on the cabin roof of a tug that met the troopship off Halifax harbor.

Still it is the habit to deprecate our winters, to apologize for them and to be sensitive about reference to them on the part of outsiders as if the Canadian winter were a sort of national family skeleton. Yet here we have a Canadian newspaper bewailing the fact that our regular winter has failed to keep its engagement this year. You never miss the good old winter until it fails to show up, and we are bereft of our skating, sledding, tobogganing, snow-shoeing, hockey and sleighing. It is the mistaken apologists for the Canadian winters who have made it almost treason to suggest a winter carnival, an ostrich policy of burying their heads in the snow and thinking to make people believe there is no snow.

The true policy of Canadians is to make much of our winters and let outsiders know that instead of a season of hibernation, it is one of the jolliest, most enjoyable seasons of the year. The average intending in this country knew how much real afraid of the winter itself as he is discouraged by the idea that it is a dreary, lonely season during which people keep indoors as much as they can and there is nothing to do but live.

If the people who consider settling in this country knew how much real enjoyment and good sport Canadians get out of their winters, the knowledge would prove an inducement to immigration. Instead of that the false sensitiveness which resents any reference to the season and incidentally suppresses the real truth, that it is so enjoyable that we miss it sadly when winter fails to come, conveys a wrong impression to the outsider.

## THE REASON WHY.

Pathetic Incident in Life of Englishman Who Came to Canada.

Here is one of the many incidents which happen in a great city, and which contains much heart interest.

During the early part of last summer there came to Toronto, from England, a man who had been trained in the insurance business. He left behind him a wife and daughter. His object in coming here was to find employment. He was not successful. He wrote to his family regularly, but refrained from telling them of his hard luck, but at last he had to tell them of his failure here. They wrote him immediately, advising him to come home, and asking what money he required. He never received the letter, nor have his friends in England heard from him since.

Several letters for him came from England to his old address. They were "returned" marked "not here." The daughter wrote to an acquaintance in Toronto, a pathetic letter, asking him to try and find some trace of her father.

One day the father found himself penniless. He passed a worthless cheque for \$5 and received in change after making a purchase \$1.30.

He was arraigned in the Police Court, pleaded guilty, was sent to the King's "pen" for one year. That is the reason he has not written his wife and daughter, and that is the sad news the friend has to send them.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

## DOWNED BY-LAW

Township of Dover Does Not Look Kindly on Re-compensing of Old Servitors

An affair that is a commentary on the modern proclivity of getting something for nothing has been disclosed in the Township of Dover, where the ratepayers have just turned down, by a majority of 55 votes, a by-law drawn up and submitted to them with the intention of re-compensating several men who have, in the estimation of the majority of those who are in a position to be disinterested, done a great deal for the county, and particularly for Dover.

When the Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Shore Electric Railway was some months ago seeking a right-of-way from Chatham to Wallaceburg, they were inclined to favor the more direct line along the Chatham-Dover town line, and were almost on the point of going in that direction when a number of residents of the Baldoon Road in Dover Township came to them and promised to secure a right-of-way for the railway free along that road. The company listened to their proposal, and finally, the right-of-way having been secured, ran through the township along that route to Wallaceburg.

Unfortunately for the sponsors, Messrs. Rodrick, McKenzie, John Ross, J. G. Glover, W. F. and Sam R. Montgomery, however, the route which they thought would be given free of cost, as they at first estimated, about \$1,500, but which afterwards turned out to be nearer \$3,000, so, in order to recoup themselves for their expenditures, which they held, and rightly, in the opinion of disinterested parties, they had assumed for the benefit of the township at large, they had a by-law drawn up for raising over a period of years the sum of \$1,500, the same to be submitted to the voters of the section of the township interested most directly, as mentioned in the by-law, and embracing a tract of country than which there is none finer in the west. The remaining \$1,500, about which they learned later, they preferred to allow to be paid by themselves rather than ask for a change in the matter mentioned in the by-law.

The by-law was submitted on New Year's day, and, as has been said, the majority against it was 55 votes. As a result of the decision of the voters, the sponsors of the right-of-way will have to make good to a number of those along the Baldoon Road who charged for their property, yet benefit to the same extent as those who did not, while a still larger number by their vote, and their unwillingness to do "the square thing" and help pay for a right-of-way for the road that will help the township, and particularly those along the line, immeasurably. The action of the voters of the township in turning the by-law down has caused no end of comment, and it is being quietly said that the end is not yet, and that the friends of the injured men will seek to have a re-submission of the by-law, for the entire amount, if possible, when the benefits of the route will have had a chance to operate favorably on the consciousness of those who proved themselves ingrates at the election on Monday.—London Free Press.

## HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY.

How We Learned What We Know About the Heavens.

The first of a series of lectures at the Biological Building of the University of Toronto to be given to the students upon subjects not fully dealt with in the curriculum was delivered by Prof. Baker on "The History of Astronomical Knowledge." The lecture was very entertaining, and was attended by a large number of students, and as it was public it was also attended by a number of outsiders. Prof. Baker dealt first with the appearances in the heavens which would have presented themselves to the notice of early astronomers. There were three of these appearances which would have been particularly noticeable. One was the fact that the planets all moved in the same direction about the sun. Another was the fact that the earth moved on its own axis. The motion of the planets in an ellipse was another appearance which presented itself for explanation, and it could easily be understood that they needed considerable acuteness of observation for their solution. There were several passages in the "Odyssey" which gave evidence of more than ordinary knowledge of the motion of the heavenly bodies. Prof. Baker read a few of the passages which served to illustrate the point. The early astronomers had been unaware of the chief cause of the appearances which they were trying to explain; namely, the motion of the earth with them on it.

The earliest conception of the universe that had deserved the name of a "theory" was that the stars were fixed in a crystalline sphere, which during the day revolved about the earth from east to west. The motion of the sun and moon from west to east, however, had also to be accounted for, and this was done by simply multiplying the sphere in which the planets moved. This hypothesis, however, was itself not ample, and had to be modified, and the course of modification led to the modern conceptions of the universe. The sphere theories, however, were clung to for a long time, and were amplified to serve the increased perception of appearances; by the theories of eccentric spheres and epicycles.

The system of Copernicus had made the sun the centre of movement around which the planets revolved. Subsequent developments had been due to the use of the telescope. The genius of Newton had deduced the law of the planets being detained in their orbits by the force of an attraction in the sun. Finally, the secret had been wrung from the heavens and the law of gravitation had been discovered. The law alone, however, was discovered. What gravitation itself was had still to be learned.

## THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage  
and all the men and  
women merely players."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At The Grand—  
Britt-Nelson Pictures—Jan. 8.  
Arrival of Kitty—Jan. 10.  
The Way of the Transgressor—Jan. 12.  
Devil's Auction—Jan. 15.  
(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents).

## TO-NIGHT AT THE GRAND.

Don't miss them to-night at the Grand. They are something not to be overlooked and never to be forgotten.

The Nelson-Britt battle, fought at Colma, Cal., to settle a championship and to settle a rivalry that was stronger than any championship defeat—but in such a victory there is glory, and in such a beating no disgrace. You see the entire battle from start to finish.

Not only are these films the best ever taken of any pugilistic event, but the best ever taken of any subject anywhere. Taken by the most skilled of operators, taken on a clear day in the incomparable California air, taken with every favoring circumstance, and developed with the most careful care, the Nelson-Britt fight picture is a masterpiece of its kind. Never has a vaudeville program, with its carefully posed motion pictures—the attractive films which close a modern show—displayed the equal of these films. They are incomparable, matchless, the acme of achievement in the ne plus ultra of success.

Don't fail to be a patron of the Grand to-night.

A new comedy from the pen of Norman Lee Swartout, author of "Sanctified Sinners" and "The Great Farce," is scheduled for an early production by C. S. Williams. The new farce is entitled "The Arrival of Kitty," and it is expected to make one of the substantial hits of the year. It is a comedy of complications, and is very similar to those of the old Hoti laugh makers but entirely original, and is said to be one of the brightest and liveliest pieces of the sort that have been offered in many a day.

The company presenting "The Arrival of Kitty" is one of the strongest organized in many seasons, containing such prominent players as Miss Dolly De Vyne, who became famous for her splendid work in "Peggy from Paris," "The Girl and the Bandit," and several other big successes, and Mr. Fred R. Wren, who is one of the best farce-comedy comedians on the stage.

The scenery and stage settings are new, and the costumes worn by the feminine members of the company will be especially pleasing to the ladies.

One of the particularly attractive features of the performance will be a number of bright and clever specialties, which will be interspersed. The date for Chatham is Wednesday, Jan. 10.

"The Way of the Transgressor," which comes to the Grand on Friday, Jan. 12th, tells a good story and tells it well. It teaches a moral by forcible example, not by deduction or through insane talk. It is strenuous, virile and at all times life-like. It is a comedy along lines similar to those of the old Hoti laugh makers but entirely original, and is said to be one of the brightest and liveliest pieces of the sort that have been offered in many a day.

## SACRED ANIMALS.

The Way the Hindu World is Regarded by the People of India.

India's pets are not royal, but celestial. To write of animals in the land which keeps its Vedic prayers and forgets the names of its emperors, one must leave solid ground and ascend to heaven, must speak in poetry, not prose, in hyperbole rather than in plain speech. The question of animals cannot, indeed, be soberly treated. Everywhere one sees acts toward them that can be explained only by their sacred and legendary importance. One can scarcely believe one's senses. This attitude is not the fantasy of a moment nor the bete blanche, so to speak, of a single author. It is the accumulated national delirium of thousands of years. To detach such animal worship from Indian life is to tear the rug to pieces, and we can weave nothing more beautiful.

"The place held by these creatures in India is different from that accorded them in any other country. Every animal is looked upon as but the covering of a spirit. Is not its mind with God? Are not its auras and vibrations far purer than ours? May not even the soul of our grandmother look from its eyes? May not we ourselves return to lower than its state if we give it not reverence? Such conceptions are not called from obsolete thought, but from the vibrant life and life of India today. Once is always in the orient. 'It is your misfortune that you have to talk so much of progress,' said a sage to me—'we have progressed'—Edmund Russell in 'Everybody'.

Every possessor of light is debtor to those who sit in the dark.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff

## JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE!

Extraordinary inducements to thrifty cash buyers in every nook and corner of this big store. If you cannot come to-day come to-morrow and share in this matchless money-saving event—our great January Clearance Sale.

## LADIES' WHITE UNDERWEAR, SLIGHTLY SOILED, AT ALMOST HALF-PRICE

50c. Fine Cambric Covers, Sale Price, 35c.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Corset Covers, Sale Price 75c  
\$2.75 Corset Covers, Sale Price, \$1.20.

## FINE CAMBRIC SKIRTS—

Regular 50c., Sale Price 29c

Regular \$2.90, Sale Price \$1.75

Regular \$3.25, Sale Price \$2

Regular \$3.50 and \$4.00, Sale Price, \$2.50

Regular \$5.00 Sale Price, \$3.50

## FINE LONSDALE GOWNS—

Regular \$1.50 each, Sale Price \$1.00

Regular 2.50 each, Sale Price 1.50

Regular 3.00 each, Sale Price 1.75

Regular 3.50 each, Sale Price 2.25

## FINE CAMBRIC DRAWERS—

Regular 50c., Sale Price 35c

Regular 35c., " 25c

Regular \$1.00, " 60c

Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, Sale Price \$1.00.

Children's White Skirts, regular 50c., sale price 35c. White Drawers reg. 25 and 30c., sale price 19c; reg. 35 and 40c., sale price 25c; reg. 45c to 60c sale price 35c.

Children's White Dresses and Slips, 1 to 6 years, regular 60c., sale price 39c; regular 75c., sale price 48c; regular \$1., sale price 65c; reg. \$2., sale price \$1. Ladies' Coats \$2.00. 16 only Ladies and Misses' fine cloth and tweed coats, regular up to \$10 each, sale price \$2.00.

Ladies Long Coats \$7.50. 25 only this season's styles in black and colors, regular \$10 to \$14 each, sale price \$7.50.

## FOR MEN—BARGAINS

75c and 90c Colored Cambric Shirts, stiff and soft bosoms, fast colors, sale price 49c.

\$1 and \$1.25 fancy cambric shirts, sale price 75c.

\$1.50 fine cambric shirts, choice styles, fast colors, sale price \$1.

Men's 75c white shirts, slightly soiled, sale price 49c.

Men's \$1 white shirts, slightly soiled, sale price 49c.

Men's \$1.25 white shirts, slightly soiled, sale price 49c.

Men's 40c Linen Handkerchiefs, extra fine quality, sale price 19c.

Men's 25c pure linen Handkerchiefs, sale price 15c.

Men's 15c pure linen Handkfs., sale price 10c.

Men's 50c Ties, assorted styles and colors, sale price 25c.

Men's 25c and 35c Bows and 4-in-hands, sale price 12 1/2c.

Men's \$1.00 Satin Mufflers, quilted back, sale price 50c.

Boys' 50c White Shirts, unlaundried pure linen bosoms, sale price 35c.

Men's 50c Plain Scotch Knit Shirts and Drawers, sale price 39c.

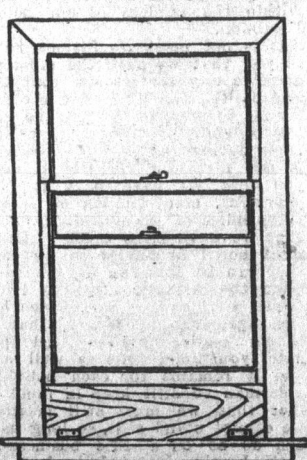
250 Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 4 1/2 to 8 1/2, sale price 19c.

## The Northway Co., Limited

## VENTILATION.

This Scheme Lets In Fresh Air Without Creating a Draft.

Where the windows of the sleeping room are situated too near the bed delicate persons often deny themselves the much needed fresh air in the natural fear of taking cold. A simple device I saw not long since consisted merely of a thin, smooth board the exact width and length of the window ledge (less the side strips), which was fastened to the sash edge of the ledge. The board was hinged perfectly flush



THE WINDOW DRAFT SCREEN.

with the sash and when not in use lay flat on the ledge, where it was out of the way and yet convenient when needed. When fresh air was wanted the window was raised the width of the board, which was then lifted and pushed forward to act as a support for the sash. Thus the window was opened in the middle, the current of air entering between the top of the lower sash and the bottom of the upper one, the bottom of the window, where drafts are to be most feared, being closed by the board. This simple draft screen may be put in place by even a feminine carpenter, and, if varnished or painted to match the rest of the woodwork, it will be scarcely noticeable when not in use. Of course the board may be as wide as desired, the greater width allowing a freer circulation of air, but when wider than the window ledge it will be a little more conspicuous when down.—Good Housekeeping.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

ONE NIGHT.. Friday, Jan. 12

That Talked of Scenic Sensation

The Way OF THE

...Transgressor

Introducing the marvelous acting Dogs.

Nothing Like It in this Country

At Popular Prices—25, 35, 50 and 75 cents. Seats on sale at Brisco's.

Plum Pudding.

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TWO NIGHTS Wed. & Thurs. Jan. 10-11

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THE ARRIVAL

OF KITTY

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