

The Letter-Box

ABOUT CHATHAM.

Editor of Planet:

Sir,—The sunshine of peace has driven out the cloud of war, we have risen to the height of our old tradition, we have kept our goodly heritage, we have fought a good fight, we have kept the faith and mapped out the course in South Africa for future generations to build up. We have lately passed through the turmoil of an election, and we look calmly on the commander fixed the date, he had the cords in his hand marking them, and placing them in the shuffle. He asked Whitney to cut them, and in the deal comes out in first round with a majority of one. But it is just a question, who is who, there's trouble in the game, it appears that the commander practicing in private was sure he was a winner, he could place them, but when he came to deal them out to the public they got misplaced, and marked cards fell into the hands of the opposition and now they are going to law over the game.

It is rumored the old Government ship still floats, some of the knowing ones say that she will make port in six months under sail that is if the weather is favorable. Her machinery is completely gone, the engineers are doing all in their power to get things in shape, but they find that the cylinder and steam chest are worn through after being thirty years in use and will want new ones. This is what one of the crew says. The commander feels awful bad, he called his faithful roustabout, and asked them to stay by him, he was not responsible for what others had done, no doubt other commanders before him had overloaded the ship and strained her and made her unseaworthy. But he promised if they ever got into port again he would put the boat in dry dock, replant and fit out with new machinery; of course some of the sailors about the freight he carried, but he wanted to please all parties, making it pay by carrying a mixed cargo both ways. Ever since he took command—three years ago—he had only heard of one case where trouble was expected when they shipped a cargo of referendum at Port Alliance, they said the referendum was polluted with beer, they could not dispose of their goods.

He had promised the people of Alliance a full cargo of Prohibition, without referendum, nothing on or aboard if the Privy Council ever give the power to carry a cargo. The order came to ship Prohibition from the Privy Council, but instead of Prohibition, as promised, a single cargo of referendum and beer with it.

Of course he had not kept his word, there was a deputation of a thousand men waited upon him, saying it would ruin their business if he left that full cargo of Prohibition. They had been heavy shippers, always patronized that line, never grumbled about the freight charges; they thought it was outrageous to carry a single cargo of Prohibition, when they had such large orders, in fact the liquor men said plainly—you have to give us 65 per cent. of space on this trip or we will send our freight by the Tory line.

Now, gentlemen, what else could I do. I wanted the support of both parties. The Prohibitionists have wanted a separate cargo for years, and in a moment of weakness I promised them, thinking that the marine law would never allow me to carry it out, because Prohibition is a cargo to carry alone, so if I have done wrong give me another chance, and if ever I get to port again I will put things right.

Some of the crew are talking about deserting the ship, their only hope is in signaling the Tory liner "Whitney," which is in sight; it is reported that the quarter master straddle on the quiet has signaled Whitney to stand by them the first sign of a storm, they won't risk themselves any longer. Some of the old hands say she can't weather a storm. The old craft is done even if she does make port, with all the repairs and changes they are going to make, she will still be the same old boat. The shippers are losing confidence, the insurance rates are heavy, and the shareholders are dissatisfied with the returns and are talking about putting her out of commission.

At last the coronation of crown attorney is accomplished, fact, if ever there was a piece of slight of hand held out for men to work what a shuffling way in making an appointment to give men the friendly shake and sunny smile for months to hold them in line. I think it is Burke that says what shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue, but it is the same old story if you are not in it with the push. Far better, gentlemen, it would be to your credit to tell a man you cannot support him so that he could pull out honorably when you know in your heart you are going to turn him down at the finish.

Somebody said very wisely if a man was not his own doctor before he was 40 he was something else; that is to say a fool, that meant unless you have been careful to observe and watch what suits you, and you have lived two score years in the world and have not found out what to eat and drink you must be deficient in powers of reflection and observation.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am going to call your attention to Chatham, the place we live in. We have been busy in South Africa and won out; we should pay more attention to the place we live in and advertise it.

We can't all work to the same rule or be cut to the same pattern. In my humble style I am going to give you Chatham as I see it, with variations covering about twenty years.

Some men will say you can't tell us any more about Chatham than we know. True. But we may have a different way of looking at things. I have often been surprised at men that have lived in Chatham nearly all their life and will tell you that

Fortune Telling

does not take into consideration the one essential to woman's happiness—womanly health. There is many a woman whose future seems absolutely unclouded who is marked by her own condition for future disappointment and distress.

The woman who neglects her health is neglecting the very foundation of all good fortune. For without health love loses its lustre and gold is but dross.

Womanly health may be retained or regained by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which weaken women, cures inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong, sick women well.

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free. All correspondence held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"I have taken six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Miss E. Drilla, Simcoe Co., Ontario, "and two bottles of 'Pleasant Pellets' as you advised for constipation of uterus, ovaries and weakness, and can safely say that your medicine has been the means of restoring me to good health again, which I had not had for over three years, until taking your medicine. I thank you very much for your kind and prompt attention to my letter asking advice."

"Favorite Prescription" has the testimony of thousands of women to its complete cure of womanly diseases. Do not accept an unknown and unproved substitute in its place.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the complexion and sweeten the breath.

We are making very little progress; that we got a little boom in some spring factory or wheel factory, which, I am proud to admit, is a great addition to what we have. Did it ever occur to your mind, Mr. Editor, and I believe it has, that nearly two-thirds of the people that live in Chatham don't know what improvements are taking place. The majority of people, as a rule, go to the city to do their shopping, and on King street, visit the park and call on their friends, and the one street to and from work. That's about the limit. There's no doubt, but they are bound to come in time. We are making great headway. In the making of Chatham, whether as a village, town or city, every man has done his part. That was elected for councillor and many that was the pioneers of Chatham have joined the great majority. We have had no mushroom boom in Chatham, but we have had a steady progressive growth. When we look back for twenty years we can truly say, "what we have we hold." Speaking of some of our factories, all the way to the city, the men that laid the foundation of the Campbell Fanning Mill Co., the Gray's carriage factory, the Taylor Bros., and the Hadley Co., and others, men of standing, many of them, mistake when they left the business in hands of their sons. They have thrived their capacity. What we make in Chatham is the best, and has a reputation abroad.

We should always as citizens—at least it is with me when we have a large factory or any big concern—like to speak about it, if we have not given a dollar invested in it, we like to tell strangers what we have in the city.

We will take a look round our factories and we must bear in mind that all firms that were in business twenty years ago have new modern buildings to-day.

The Campbell Fanning Mill Company does an enormous business, is known in the four quarters of the globe; thousands of mills are shipped every year; a fine, well-built factory. The famous Chatham Works, the Chatham Manufacturing Company, shipping their output of twelve wagons a day to the Northwest, although a few yards out of the city, we justly claim as a Chatham factory.

The William Gray & Sons carriage factory does an enormous business; a fine factory, a credit to the city and to the firm.

The Milner carriage factory, doing a thriving business.

Then we have the lumber mills and factories of the Hadley Co., John Pigott & Sons, Blonde Bros., Limited, with extensive docks and lumber yards, with fine modern factories, turning out high class work in office furniture, store fittings, modern store fronts, and will give you an estimate cheerfully on anything that lumber will make.

We look with pride at the Canada Flour Mill Co.'s mills standing on the river front, with flour mill, elevators and rows of warehouses and coopers a fine plant.

The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited, flour mill and woollen mill, are adding to their ever increasing business one of the most up-to-date flour mills and elevators to be found in Canada or the States. A commanding appearance, a sly-scraper.

Our machine shops are the best. Park Bros., McKough & Trotter, manufacturers of boilers, stationary, marine and traction engines, hoop and stove machinery, in fact anything in the machine line. Simmons & Son, machine and repair shops.

High Malcomson (Kearney) Canning factory, that is a factory for vegetables, canned goods from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, cannot supply the demand. Up-to-date works at St. George's Square.

We have two large saw and stove factories. Mr. Drader's on the bank of the River Thames; and Mr. D. R. McGavin's on the bank of the creek; also a new factory, Colby, Scott & Co., manufacturers of patent wagon box and sash and door factory.

I have given an outline of these firms in the rough, to show the progress we have made. We have made wonderful growth in the firms mentioned. Yes, citizens, need not be ashamed to show any stranger within

your gates. They are all equipped with the latest and most modern machinery. Two years ago we were on the lookout for new industries, and we secured the Dowley Spring and Axle factory, a fine building; a great addition to our city and a good advertisement from a railroad point of view. Then we have the extensive works of the Sarven Wheel Co., covering acres of ground, that will soon be in running order. Then, too, we have the Farmer's Institute Binder Twine Co., a well built and substantial building, with costly machinery, run long enough to be a fact that binder twine could be made, but shut down till they get the new improved knotter that will bind the shareholders into one sheaf. The Martin Carriage factory, a new firm, but doing a good business. O'Brien Bros' carriage factory, and other places of business too numerous to mention, to all outside appearances doing well and making money.

I have made any improvements in our public buildings?

I would like to know where there is another city that can show better schools. We have the Collegiate Institute, Head Master Mr. Paterson, showing a high standard for teaching, with a full staff of efficient male teachers—a fine building. The Central school, a model for any city to imitate, with large, airy, well-ventilated rooms and sturdy halls; the principal, Mr. Plewes with efficient and blooming lady assistants; the McKough school, a good building and credit to the principal, Mr. Bracken, for the able manner he has conducted and worked to make the McKough school what it is to-day, second to none—with efficient, charming lady teachers; the Roman Catholic Separate school have a new up-to-date building, with all modern improvements, a good building, principal and teachers of the Ursuline Academy. The Wilberforce Institute, the Canada Business College, Mr. McLaughlin, an able staff of teachers; the Ursuline Academy, a private school. All our schools are the best, and will compare with any city.

Chatham should feel proud of the two hospitals, St. Joseph's and the Public General Hospital. The appointments and management are first class, with fine surroundings and charming views.

Harris Hall, the city and county offices, judges' chambers, city and county council assembly rooms.

Waterworks and electric light plant owned and operated by the city, with large open reservoir, and towering stand pipe, gives at all times a pure supply of water for domestic and fire purposes. The waterworks department, under the able management of our esteemed friend, Mr. Jones, deserves more than passing notice. The river for four months has been like a puddled mud, but we have been drinking clear, sparkling water that speaks for itself. The electric light plant, furnishing about 125 arc lights for the city, with a great improvement on the gas lamps and struggling oil lamps making a glimmer through black chimneys and twinkling like an evening star.

The fire department is first class; good building, good horses, hose carts and ladder trucks, steam fire engine, electric fire alarms, in fact the latest appliances for fighting fire. The council spends no expense under the management of Chief Pritchard and an efficient staff of firemen. I have nothing but praise for the men of the old volunteer department, Nos. 1 and 2. It was a grand sight to go out to a fire or on parade. When the fire bell would ring you could see men coming in all directions, on the jump to see which could throw the first screen door into the air, and then them and such willing workers, that they just swarmed a building and did the best of work; but you had to let her go, boys; the city's motto is "Advance."

The Chatham police force, Chief Holmes, is doing good work. No city in Canada is better governed. Rowdyism and disorderly conduct is a thing of the past. The police headquarters is a fairly good building outside, but should be gutted from cellar to roof that the smell is stuffy with a tendency to feverish—a place that no one cares to go to, and no business in it if it was infested with marble. The station is not very central and the man is not in sight yet that offers to build police stations for cities to dispense law, or I would suggest the old church site, the Central school as a very good location.

We have some very fine churches of every denomination. The Home of the Friendless is a grand building, the ladies of the Home deserve our warmest thanks; it's noble work; feeble men and women waiting in the porch for the final call, was very pleasant to see, this mortal coil, Army taking the inmates for a day's outing. What a blessing; what a change for those who were able to bear the journey, a few hours' drive in the country or to spend the afternoon and take tea at some gentleman's residence, and make them feel that they have friends and lighten their burdens.

Our post office and customs, a good looking solid building. We have reached the stage of city life to make an effort to have a delivery and listen for the postman's knock. Mayor Sulman's suggestion was all right, let it be seen, then we can stamp it with Sir William Mulock, "greater than has been."

It is worthy of note that the new public library, which is the gift of Mr. Carnegie, is the work of an old Chathamian, and the place were greatly admired. It appears we cannot get anything from our own countrymen, but there may be some good come out of it. I don't want to hear of any person shuffling off this mortal coil, but a very good example could be taken from Carnegie; do something while you live. That would be my principle. Unfortunately I am in the hole, but I glory in telling of others doing it when they die.

The late Mr. Sherwood, founder of the General Hospital, gave two thousand dollars for a start, and some citizens have been very liberal in giving their time and money, but it has been a struggle to do it. I would like to

hear tell of the money coming in in bulk. When people die that have money, we say—I wonder how much he or she left to the General Hospital or the Home of the Friendless? When we hear the news we say, what a shame!

The city won't want another library for some time to come. But that time Mr. Carnegie will have passed to the Great Beyond, and his wealth will have passed into other people's hands; then some Chatham man may have a chance to found a library.

We have the Public General Hospital, that needs another large wing and elevators. The trustees of the Home of the Friendless would feel very thankful for a few thousand dollars, or if you feel that you would like to put up some perpetual monument, say in the shape of a handsome drinking fountain on Tecumseh Park.

There's one thing certain, you can't take your money with you, but whatever you do, don't send your money to build up another town. Give the town the benefit that you have called your own.

Don't abuse your nervous and digestive system with adulterated and common place Japan Tea.

"SALADA"

Ceylon GREEN Tea, is absolutely "PURE" and is beneficial to the most delicate systems. Sold in the same form as "SALADA" Black Tea in sealed lead packets only, 25c, and 40c per pound.

"I ALWAYS USE IT"

is the remark made by those sensible ones who have used and tested the unrivalled

BEE STARCH

It is within the reach of all—and once tried will always be on hand. Its composition makes it impossible for the iron to stick nor the linen to crack.

10 cents Per Package. Save the Coupons.

SNOWDON, FORBES & CO., AGTS., 449 St. Paul St., Montreal, 22 A

hear tell of the money coming in in bulk. When people die that have money, we say—I wonder how much he or she left to the General Hospital or the Home of the Friendless? When we hear the news we say, what a shame!

The city won't want another library for some time to come. But that time Mr. Carnegie will have passed to the Great Beyond, and his wealth will have passed into other people's hands; then some Chatham man may have a chance to found a library.

We have the Public General Hospital, that needs another large wing and elevators. The trustees of the Home of the Friendless would feel very thankful for a few thousand dollars, or if you feel that you would like to put up some perpetual monument, say in the shape of a handsome drinking fountain on Tecumseh Park.

There's one thing certain, you can't take your money with you, but whatever you do, don't send your money to build up another town. Give the town the benefit that you have called your own.

We have two fine iron swing bridges spanning the River Thames, an iron bridge on William street crossing the creek, and an iron bridge for foot passengers crossing the Park. The first impression of a place is generally formed when you land, and the landing place should be made attractive. We want some improvements at the Rankin dock. The Government should build a customs house for the landing, and the warehouse near the dock should be enclosed with a fence and large gates, and there should be electric lights. Speaking of electric lights, the one on the Park bridge should be moved to the north end and light up a dark corner.

I have been asked the question—Can't something be done for the wheelmen? The wheelmen have my sympathy. It has been a wretched summer, but it's out of the question to allow riding on the sidewalk; that would never work. If our boulevard were outside the sidewalk we could arrange it very nicely. I would suggest a cinder or gravel path about 18 inches wide near the outer edge, on each side of the street, every man wheeling kept to his right, but it would be a case of wheeling in the gutter, and intersections. Where the sidewalks are outside the boulevards, which the majority of the sidewalks are, I am afraid there would hardly be room from the outer edge of the walk to the gutter or curb; but, however, something should be done to help the wheelmen out. I think some of the young fellows will be old and grey-headed before some of our back streets are paved.

We have good railroad connection, north, south, east and west—on the main line of the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, and in touch with the Michigan Central by Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad. We should make every effort to try and get an electric road. That would take us up and put us to the front. We are surrounded by the finest farming and fruit country in Ontario.

I shall have to draw this to a close. I find that I am spinning this out rather long. Some other time I will touch upon the Mineral Baths.

Thanking you for your valuable space.

Yours truly,

MECHANIC.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Yellowstone National Park

This famous national park offers to the tourist and sightseer more novelties and curiosities than perhaps any other spot on earth. The stage ride from Monida is through scenery hardly inferior to the park itself, and this ride is one of the very many enjoyments of the trip.

The new route to the Yellowstone is via the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line Railroads to Monida, Montana, thence daily by palatial Concord coaches of the Monida & Yellowstone Stage Company to all points in the Yellowstone National Park.

Full information cheerfully furnished on application to

G. G. HERRING, G. A., 126 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

H. F. CARTER, T. P. A., 60 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.

All kinds of floral and decorative work done at the Victoria Avenue Green House, Phone 181.

The men who stand straightest in the presence of sin bow lowest in the presence of God.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Corrected June 3rd, 1902.

GOING EAST GOING WEST
*2.36 a. m. L. Express... 1.11 p. m.
*3.32 p. m. Express... 1.06 a. m.
*Daily.

THE WABASH RAILROAD CO.

GOING WEST EAST ROUTE
No. 1—8.45 a. m. No. 2—12.23 p. m.
3—1.07 p. m. 4—11.06 p. m.
13—1.25 p. m. 14—1.32 a. m.
5—9.52 p. m. 6—2.49 p. m.

The Wabash is the short and true route
J. A. RICHARDSON,
Dist. Pass. Agt., Toronto and St. Thomas.

J. C. PRITCHARD,
Station Agent

W. E. RISPIN,
C. P. A. 115 King St., Chatham.

GRAND TRUNK

GOING EAST GOING WEST
1.45 p. m. Accommodation, 2.30 p. m.
2.23 p. m. Buffalo, New York and
Toronto Express

8.32 a. m. Express... 8.15 a. m.
Buffalo, Toronto and North Bay.

5.08 p. m. "Eastern Flyer," for Montreal and Muskoka.

8.50 p. m. Accommodation, 4.23 p. m.
"International Limited, 9.10 p. m.
For Detroit and Chicago.

"Daily Sunday included.

Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway

L. E. & D. R. TIME CARD NO. 1

Effective Mar. 12, 1902

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.

Chatham, Aug. 20.