

The Planet

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"POLITICS."

Without entering into the merits—or demerits—of the Gamey-Stratton investigation, which is, after all, properly sub judice at the present time, enough has been revealed concerning provincial politics of late to impress every thoughtful mind with the intense gravity of the whole situation—not from the standpoint of results to either party, but from the influence it is having upon our people and its effect upon the good name of our Province.

The man who reads the poorer political newspapers on both sides just now must be thoroughly disheartened and disgusted with the outlook. He will see, perhaps, on the one side a disposition to launch wild and thoughtless comments and conclusions against everybody and everything in Governmental authority; on the other hand he will see papers of the Banner and Hamilton Times recklessly hurling senseless abuse and angry adjectives at men whose honor and integrity and high motives have never been questioned, and who are not concerned in the present crisis further than in seeing right and justice triumph. And this course becomes far more reprehensible when falsehood and prevarication are employed so freely.

But it is a deplorable fact—patent to every thoughtful and intelligent man and woman—that the morale of our public life seems to be degenerating terribly. The cabinet ministers, even, the heads of the Province, men who in private life were regarded, so far as The Planet is aware, with respect and regard, seem to be ready unhesitatingly in their public capacity to avail themselves of means and perform acts which in social or business life would brand them irreparably. As a minister of the Government, Provincial Secretary Stratton did not hesitate to urge a Globe reporter to commit forgery; in private life Mr. Stratton would be the first to condemn this crime. As a minister of the Government Attorney-General Gibson gave out a deliberate untruth to the press concerning the Shambles case; in private life we doubt not that Mr. Gibson would scorn a lie. And so on—what does it mean and what is the remedy?

"Get good men into politics," is the remedy so often proposed for existing evils. On the face of it the advice appears good, but it must be supplemented—"men who put honor and integrity before party advancement." Of what avail is it to fill the Legislature with men who are privately good and who allow their party loyalty to be exploited by men who are politically bad? The good man leaves his virtues outside of public life; the bad man carries his vices into public life—and one bad man has more energy and directing force in the management of a party than a dozen good men.

The country needs, not merely good men—though good men are needed first of all—but strong men, independent men; men who have sufficient respect for goodness to place it above party success.

And they must be not merely good men, but wise men, men who are capable of seeing what is going on and understanding it. A man may be a very good man, and yet be made an instrument of evil. His very goodness may make him all the more harmful as the tool of a corrupt influence.

While The Planet is a party paper, in the common acceptance of the term, it would earnestly desire a new era—not alone a change of Government, but a change of conditions, under which public men would place honesty, integrity and morality above the mere petty exigencies of party prosperity.

The people of Ontario can bring about this change.
Do they desire it?
Will they do it?

THE PAVEMENT PROBLEM.

Some difference seems to exist among the property owners of King street west over the character of the new pavement their enterprise purposes putting down.

Apart from the glowing prospectus presented by the various contracting companies, The Planet has instituted a private and thorough investigation of the materials and experience of other municipalities, in the public interests, and as a result is prepared to endorse the asphalt block pavement proposal.

Asphalt block is universally recommended for durability, cleanliness and smoothness, noiselessness and the ease with which repairs can be made. The cost compares very favorably with other pavements of a high standard.

The residents of King street west will make no mistake, we believe, in the selection of asphalt block for their new pavement.

MR. FRED. F. QUINN.

The departure of Mr. Fred. F. Quinn, for the past twenty years an esteemed and valued resident of the Maple City, is universally regretted by the community. Chatham suffers a distinct loss in his decision to move to the growing West, and the unanimity of the good wishes and God-speed which accompanies him bear testimony to Chatham's appreciation of his worth and influence.

During his long residence in this city, Mr. Quinn has won for himself universal respect and admiration for his sterling personal qualities and energies in the public weal. He has done much for Chatham and public appreciation of his work has been evidenced in a practical manner. Mr. Quinn allowed his name to go before the people for public honors but seldom, but on every occasion he headed the polls. To-day he is the president of Chatham's Board of Trade.

The Planet unites with the citizens at large in extending to Mr. Quinn an expression of appreciation of his valued services during his residence in Chatham and hearty good wishes for continued prosperity in his new western home.

SOME SOUND SENSE.

Citizens generally will profit by a thoughtful perusal of the words of wisdom dispensed by Judge Houston at Police Court yesterday to the lady who committed the recent raid on a Lorne avenue house of alleged unsavory repute. There seems to be no doubt that the boys merely put into action the oft-repeated wishes of their adult friends, and the Court, we believe, showed wisdom and propriety in dealing very leniently with them.

The comments of the Court, if noted intelligently and observed, will do good. In these days of "the strenuous life" there is an unmistakable tendency, in smaller matters, to hasten the course of justice by taking the law into our own hands. This is wrong in itself and, as was pointed out, may lead to terrible results.

In alluding to a recent item in The Planet, in which it was noted that public sympathy seemed to be with the accused, the Court pointed out that after all the press simply voiced public sentiment. There is some force to this, and yet we think the purpose of the press is higher. Newspapers can and do seek to educate and develop public sentiment.

Nevertheless the deductions of his honor were sound and all of us would do well to heed them.

THE POOR CYCLIST.

Once again the police have been "sic 'immed" on to the poor cyclist who seeks to preserve his anatomy from the morgue by avoiding the treacheries of our so-called streets, and dodges suicide by wheeling on the sidewalks. The Police Commissioners yesterday called the officers to time—and happy days of the wheelman are numbered.

That the cyclists, who compose a goodly share of our ratepayers and business men, should have some redress the Police Commissioners were not slow to admit—but so far the City Council, who has the by-law in its hands, has proved inexorable.

It is time the aldermen took some cognizance of the injustice under which wheelmen are suffering and introduced some enactment properly regulating their relief.

Stratton proved himself a great "Don't know" witness.

Talk about your good memories—why it was Stratton's forgetfulness that tickles his Government colleagues.

It is unkind of the Hamilton Spectator to hint that Mr. Stratton has shown himself duly qualified to enter the old American society of Know Nothings.

Out of respect to our esteemed friend sub judice this great home journal refrains, at the present time, from stating to whom it awards the championship, Stratton or Sullivan.

And Stratton, provincial secretary and administrator of the Liberal campaign, swore on oath that he didn't know anything of a campaign fund—didn't know whether there was one.

And the "Honorable" Mr. Gibson told the Globe that his department had nothing to do with staying the proceedings in the Shambles case. The "Honorable" Mr. Gibson evidently doesn't intend the "Honorable" Mr. Stratton to be the whole thing in the matter of prevarication.

The Globe seems much easier since the Commission declined Mr. Blake's request to probe the Liberal campaign fund and trace the money Mr. Gamey received. His reverence seemed really afraid, for the day, that the Commission might actually find "where the money came from."

Evidently John Lee thinks the people of East Kent sent him to the Legislature to joke, sleep and grow fatter. It's a high mission.

And the Speaker ordered the arrest of Joker John Lee right in the House, for "snoring out loud," and he was ejected. Great heavens, why deny the man sleep, he can be awakened when his vote is needed.

Every young man who can possibly do so should endeavor to attend the mass meeting on Monday night in the interests of the athletic bungalow project. This is a grand project and should be helped along.

The public would be interested in hearing from Ald. Arch. McColg, chairman of the civic Parks committee, as to when the competition for Mayor McKeough's home gardening and boulevard prizes opens, and what regulations are provided for entering the same.

It is most interesting and amusing to note the close and anxious tab the Banner keeps on local Conservatives. Last night, for instance, it had a leading editorial divulging the interesting information that—

There is a hen on among local Tories. Last night there was a gathering of the faithful on the dead quiet at a house on St. Clair street at which about fifteen prominent members of the party attended.

It is understood that this emergent meeting was called for the purpose of



Swell Monte Carlo Coat of French Broadcloth in a delicate shade of biscuit color. It has the full baggy sleeves so much in vogue for garments of this description, with shapely cuffs ending in points. Around the lower edge of the coat there is a wide band of heavy lace, which is also used for trimming the sleeves. Broad Straps of this linen lace extend over the shoulders, ending in an appliqued design of grapes and leaves. The hat worn with the coat is of white beaver with a lace crown. It is trimmed beneath the upturned brim with a large wreath of white velvet poppies.

distributing the offices now held by usurping Grits in the riding, etc., etc.

Of course, being the organ of "the local Tories," the Banner should know; but, were it not for dispelling a delightful delusion, we might point out that "the faithful" are not meeting "on the dead quiet" these days. They haven't anything to conceal—haven't even got a nice little lie from the Attorney-General to cover up or get agitated over.

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CHURCH - CHIMES

Hours of Service.

Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
Holy Trinity—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
St. Andrew's—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
William St. Baptist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
Park St. Methodist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
Seventh Day Adventist—3 and 7.
Latter Day Saints—7 p.m.
Campbell A.M.E.—11 a.m.; 7.45 p.m.
First Baptist—11 a.m.; 7.30 p.m.

Pastors and others who contribute news items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday at 4 p.m. Matter received later than that hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

International Bible Lesson for Tomorrow—Acts xxiii. 12-22—"The Plot Against Paul."

Golden Text—"The Lord stood by him and said, be of good cheer."

A wicked plot counterplotted. Religious hatred is the worst and most bitter. In the morning more than 40 Jews were secretly sworn to kill Paul ere they broke their fast, as a duty to God and to their religion, thus sign-



ment of the Lord's supper will be administered at the close of the evening service.

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee drill at 7 a.m., meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a.m., Christian fellowship at 3 p.m., soul winning service at 7.30 p.m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

The pastor, Rev. T. H. Henderson, B. A., will preach in the Campbell A. M. E. Church to-morrow morning on "God All Sufficient on Earth and in Heaven," and in the evening on "Philip and the Ethiopian." Special music at each service.

Regular services in the St. John's A. U. M. P. Church to-morrow as follows:—At 11 a.m., preaching by Rev. Mr. Selver, the pastor, and Scripture lesson. General Class will follow. At 3 p.m. Sunday school will meet. At 7 p.m. song service and preaching by the pastor.

Staff Captain and Mrs. Coombs will conduct special meetings at the S. A. Barracks on Saturday and Sunday, May 9th and 10th. Staff Captain and Mrs. Coombs were stationed in Chatham three years ago, and their many friends will be glad to see their old officers again.

J. W. Humphrey's Bible Class for ladies meets every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the wing of the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church.

Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Preaching as usual at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the morning service in the First Presbyterian Church.

The Park St. Young Men's Club rooms are open on Tuesday evenings.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The regular weekly prayer service will be held at St. Andrew's church on Wednesday evening at 8.

The Park St. League will hold its

regular meeting on Monday evening next.

Class meeting in connection with the A. U. M. P. Church is held every Tuesday evening.

Christian Endeavor in Campbell A. M. E. Church to-morrow evening at 8.30.

The Park St. Sunday School, Bible Classes and Young Men's Club will meet at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

First Presbyterian Church Sunday School to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Strangers are cordially invited to all the services in Christ Church.

Sidesmen will be pleased to provide them with seats. Pews are all free at evening service.

The Sunday School of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church is held every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Christ Church Sunday School meets to-morrow afternoon at 3.

Christ Church Young People's Society will meet in the S. S. Hall Monday evening at a quarter to eight.

St. Andrew's Church Sunday School and Bible Class to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

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FATALITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, corner concession 1, 25 sidroad, last week received the sad intelligence of the death by drowning of their eldest son John in British Columbia. Deceased was a lumberman and was working on a drive when he met his death. He has not been home for five or six years, but his death came as a great shock to all. Mr. Sutherland's body was recovered, but was not brought home, he being buried in Alberta where he had some friends. —Dresden Standard.

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