

The Planet.

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A SPLENDID NUMBER.

The Planet extends congratulatory greetings to its esteemed contemporary, the *Stratford Beacon*, on the excellence of its handsome semi-centennial issue. The souvenir is one of which *Stratford* has much reason to be proud, for the history of its progressive and enterprising paper. The issue is handsomely illustrated and the matter will delight every reader. Congratulations to the *Beacon*.

PROBABLE LEGISLATION.

Says the *Ridgeway Dominion*: Somebody has drafted a program of legislation for the next session of the Ontario Legislature and the press is passing it around. The program is quite an ambitious one, but on some points a little indefinite. The Government, we trust, in addition will have something to propose regarding the question of school books, of which so much was made in the Opposition days, and the measure of law reform should be a comprehensive one, doing away with the abuses and decreasing the cost of litigation. Below is the program referred to above and which is going the rounds:

Changing the methods of administration and management of the University of Toronto.
Amendment to the Mining Act.
Amendments to the Educational Act, which will effect both the Public and the High schools.
The creation of an electric railway commission, or extension of the powers of the Railway Commission.
Defining the permanent system regarding allowance or gratuities to civil servants.

Changes in the Agricultural and Arts Act respecting the control and conduct of agricultural exhibitions.
A measure looking to the extension of the forest reserves.
The adoption of a definite policy in regard to the water powers of the province.

Acts granting aid for the development of the tobacco industry and farm reforestry.
A county council bill reverting to the old principle whereby county councils were composed of representatives of the municipal councils.
A measure of law reform, and important changes will be made in respect to procedure, particularly in respect to applications for private legislation.

DISTRICT DOINGS
TILBURY

Dec. 16.—Mrs. Hemsworth, of Litchfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Doleen.
Henry Chauvin, of Detroit, has taken a position in the grocery department of J. S. Richardson's store.
W. C. Crawford was in St. Mary's yesterday.

A concert will be given in the Separate school hall on Friday evening of next week.
Miss Kate Morton, the popular and successful evangelist of Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church here on Wednesday evening.
The brick work on the new three-story hotel of B. Ballor is nearing completion.

DRESDEN.

Dec. 16.—Mrs. Forshee is home from Berlin, where she has been for the last three months with her sons.
The young people around King's Ferry neighborhood gathered in a farewell party on Wednesday evening in honor of their popular young teacher, Miss Ruth Hyatt, of Blenheim. Although offered a generous increase in salary to remain next year Miss Hyatt has resigned and accepted the position of entrance class teacher in Blenheim.

Mr. J. D. Stott is far recovered from an attack of pneumonia to be able to walk out again.
Miss Seymour, of Essex, has accepted a position on the Public school staff here for next year to fill the vacancy made by Miss Campbell's resignation.

The L. D. K. Society held their last meeting for the year at the home of the Misses Hicks on Thursday evening and report a very successful and interesting time.
Mrs. Pomeroy, of Sarina, inspector of Canada Life Insurance Co., has been in town on business lately.

Capt. Chas. McDermid is among the first of our contingent of sailors to return to town for the winter.
Thursday evening the local lodge of Masons enjoyed an oyster supper among themselves.
The hardware merchants are busy fitting skates.

NEW YORK HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

On Dec. 15th the Lackawanna will run a popular priced excursion from all stations in New York to New York City. The week before Christmas is the best week in the metropolitan district for the season's glory; everything is at perfection. For rates, time of special and regular trains, reservations, etc., call on nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred. P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y.

MRS. HUBBARD A CANADIAN.

First Woman to Explore Labrador Wilds Born in Ontario.

In the Township of Hamilton, Northumberland, Ont., was born Mrs. Leonard Hubbard, the celebrated woman who is the first Canadian lady to explore the wilds of Labrador. The announcement that the much-heralded New York explorer is a Canadian will cause surprise, but it is authentic. According to Dr. Morgan, author of *Canadian Men and Women of the Time*, Mrs. Hubbard, just returned from her adventurous journey to discover the secrets of her late husband's failure and subsequent death in that bleak and inhospitable country, is one of our own countrywomen.

She is the daughter of James Bennett, a farmer of Bewdley, Township of Hamilton, County of Northumberland, Ontario. As a girl she qualified as a trained nurse, and while in the performance of her duties as such took up her residence in New York, where she was called upon to nurse Dr. Leonard Hubbard, Jr., through a serious illness.

It was a case on his part of love at first sight, and a marriage soon followed. The world knows how in 1903 her husband met his death in the Labrador wilds, and it was to clear up doubts and uncertainties, and also to complete the report of her husband's exploration, that she undertook the journey from which she has now returned.

When seen on her return to Quebec, she was found to be a small, slight, woman, of delicate and refined appearance, who would seem to be the last to face the dangers and hardships of such a journey through the wilderness. She politely but firmly declined to be questioned about her expedition. She would merely say that she had succeeded in her object, that she had followed the route taken by her husband from the coast to the point where he met his death from exposure and starvation, that she had found where he had diverged from his route and lost his way, that she had cleared up some important points in regard to the head waters of the Northwest River, which flows into Lake Melville and Hamilton Inlet, as well as in regard to Lake Mishikamun, the height of land, and the George River, which flows into Ungava Bay, and that she had not suffered much from the hardships of the journey.

Mrs. Hubbard emphatically denied that she went to Labrador to locate mineral wealth said to have been discovered by Mr. Hubbard on his fatal trip. She simply set out to complete the work which he began, and has succeeded in doing so.

MARK HANNA ROCK GONE.

Stood on the Pacific Coast and Was Graveside For Ships.
A recent despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: Notification has been sent by Lighthousekeeper Daykin of Cape Carmanagh to the resident agent of the Department of Marine, that "Mark Hanna" Rock, otherwise known to navigators of the North Pacific as one of the many marine graveyards that decorate the western seaboard of Vancouver Island, has strangely disappeared.

The rock, until very recently reared steep above the water near Bonin Point, off Carmanagh, the Canadian sentinel at the entrance of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, opposite Cape Flattery, on the American shore.
The rock was named for the Ohio statesman and Republican organizer by Lighthousekeeper Daykin, because of the remarkable likeness its contour bore to a facial silhouette of the late American Senator. Apart from this distinguished feature, however, there was another peculiarity about Mark Hanna Rock which in earlier times had earned it a reputation for destruction.

But the rock is no more. It was destroyed some weeks ago in the seismic and electrical disturbance felt in slight degree here and to a greater extent at Nanaimo. It was noticed, black and grim, rearing itself through the storm in the afternoon, presaging the shake. In the morning Lighthousekeeper Daykin observed with amazement that the sea broke untroubled where it had lifted itself from the deep.

The question is now being debated among local scientists whether or not the strange magnetic force said to be a property of the rock had ought to do with its final demolition.

Adopting Ontario Methods.
The Provincial Department of Agriculture has received an interesting note from Scotland. Mr. George Bain, editor of the *Nairnshire Telegraph*, called at the Department last year, and among the publications given him were some of the Nature Study bulletins issued by the Department for Public School teachers. Mr. Bain states that some of the teachers of the Nairn district are very much interested in these, and intend to use them as the basis of their nature study work. The steady demand for these bulletins from Ontario Public school teachers has exhausted the bulletins on "Weeds," "Grasses" and "The Making of Collections." The bulletin on "Weeds" has been revised by Prof. Froehner, making it more suitable for teachers, and it will be reissued during the winter.

Flight of Birds.
Pigeons fly at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour, swallows at the rate of ninety-two, rooks at the rate of twenty-five. There was once a three-mile race, got up for a wager between a dozen birds and a down pigeon. The first bird finished a quarter of a minute before the first pigeon, and he won all round, although they were handicapped somewhat by being previously rolled in flour for the purpose of identification.

How Canada Was Saved.
In reviewing Capt. Mahan's book, "Sea power in its relations to the war of 1812," The *London Post* says: "We doubt whether his narrative brings out as fully as facts justify that it was the patriotism and gallantry of the Canadian militia which saved Canada during that uphill game of the first twelve months."

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Westman Bros.

BIG HARDWARE

Local Briefs

Skates sharpened at Briscoes'.
Mr. David Latimer, Montreal, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dennis, 112 Raleigh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young left on the 5:19 train, Saturday, for Brantford, where they will take up their residence.
Nice Berried Holly Wreaths, 10c, with American Beauty Ribbon, 25c, at the Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Order early, as supply is limited.

Mrs. Charles Ladds gave a seven o'clock tea to a number of her friends Friday night, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The parents and friends of Mr. Keough School are cordially invited to the Christmas exercises of the school, to be held in the assembly hall of the school, Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at 2:30 p. m.

K. L. McIntosh, of the C.B.C., has secured a position on the staff of the Willis Business College, of Ottawa. He leaves on Wednesday to spend his holidays at his home in Morrisburg, and will commence his new duties next year.

Christmas giving—Nothing more useful, nothing quite so nice, as a fine gaiters or leather attaché. Call and examine our stock, which is the largest and best assorted in the country. Backus & Dennis.

Messrs. J. & E. Chinick, Locust Hedge Farm, breeders of shorthorns, sold, last January, a fine yearling heifer, "Duchess of Gloster," and got by "Prince of the Forest," imported to Messrs. J. A. Countryman & Son, of Rochelle, Illinois. At their annual sale, Oct. 11, she headed the list of 48 cattle sold, going to Mr. J. A. Kigour, Sterling, Illinois, for \$600.

Friday, Saturday and Monday, ladies can find the following gifts for gentlemen, at Lailley's Jewelry Store—Scarfs, puffs, cuff buttons, watch chains and chains, solid gold and gold-filled watches, signet and other rings, ebony brushes, combs, shaving mirrors, razors, briar and cigar cases, leather purses, fountain pens, wallets, match safes, and a sterling silver thimble 15c, only one to each person. Lailley, the Jeweler.

FLETCHER.

W. and J. Kelly spent Friday in Chatham.
P. Murphy has returned to Windsor, after spending a few weeks in Fletcher.

T. Keenan was the guest of T. Breen on Friday.
Miss Hancock, of Ridgeway, has returned home, after visiting friends here for the past two weeks.
A very sad accident occurred here on Friday evening. While Wm. Stevenson was walking home on the M. O. R. he was struck by an express and instantly killed.

THE TROUBLE.

I can't seem to keep my head above water.
The trouble with you is you're always too busy keeping your nose above whiskey.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

New Corsets Have High Bust-Aprons For Little Girls in Many Styles.
The new corsets all show high busts, and the woman who clings to low bust effects can find models at reduced prices on the bargain counter.

Aprons have come back into favor for little girls and have brought with them odd little age distinctions. For



WHITE TAFFETA BLOUSE.

the tiny girls almost everything in aprons is made with a yoke and full skirt, while older girls wear aprons that are belted in and have a short, full skirt only from the belt. Then there is the play apron, made with sleeves, that covers the entire dress.

Lingerie shirt waists are again to be first matinee favorites and when the breezes blow are worn over a slip of china silk.

Heavy linen, called by the French "toile ancienne" is the material employed in the smart tailored shirt waists. The most approved model has a double box plait down the center and is flanked by two similar ones arranged from the shoulders. Small pockets with pointed flaps are set on at the bust line.

The attractive blouse illustrated is of heavy white taffeta. The front has a vest fastened with scalloped buttonholes. At the bust the front fullness is gathered in a second dim on the developed flaps. The bishop sleeves have tiny turnback cuffs edged with scallops. The collar and deep wrist cuffs are of Irish lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

LINGERIE NOTES.

Blind Embroidery a Favorite Trimming—Seed Stitch is Also Used.
The new nightgowns have effective touches given their sleeves by the introduction of blind embroidery on the sleeve itself and not only on the ruffle or cuff. Blind embroidery in its various forms is liked best for lingerie, although broderie anglaise holds its own splendidly. Seed stitch, that filling in



DAINTY CAMBOLLE.

of outlines with mere dots or stitches, is more popular than ever, but, of course, only on finer pieces.

Petticoats become more and more attractive each day in decoration. The handiwork of these lingerie petticoats are a mass of real Valenciennes, and narrow widths are used, but quantities of it. The umbrella flounce is very full, and the lace insertions strip it all the way round, with every third or fourth row separated not like the others with narrow strips of material, but with long triangles of it, each embroidered with three polka dots. A large dot is placed in the widest part and two smaller ones above. At the top of the flounce polka dots are introduced in the same way, the largest just above the joining of the flounce.

Stout women should select as a material for their corset covers a rather firm lining that does not stretch out of shape, for a large woman necessarily shapes her corset cover a little tight. Nearly all of the new corset covers are made with a tail piece—circular bits below the waist that take up little room. Some of the covers are cut in the back with slits about the waist put into tiny tucks, which end just below the waist belt and supply the right amount of fullness over the hips.

The camisole in the cut is made entirely of insertion and strips of material laid alternately. It is tight in the back, that does not stretch in front, and is set at the waist into a narrow band edged basque-wise with lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

The Northway Co., Ltd.

Seven Stores

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Will be delighted with our magnificent showing of choice pieces in French Limoges, Dresden, Australian and Japanese Chinaware. The styles and patterns are new and exclusive, bought specially for our holiday trade; the prices are fully 20 per cent. lower than is usually asked for similar goods. Come early and get first choice.

MATCHLESS HDKFS. VALUES.—

Thousands of dainty styles to select from, all bought direct from the largest makers in Ireland and Switzerland, the values are simply matchless—see them before you spend one cent in handkerchiefs.

PURE LINEN HDKFS.—

Plain, hemstitched, lace, embroidered, insertion, tucks, drawn work and footings trimmed, at each 12 1-2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

SWISS EMBROIDERED HDKFS.—

Fine Swiss, lawns, hemstitched and embroidered, at each 5c, 8c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

CHILDREN'S HDKFS.—

Fine Swiss lawn, fancy borders, done up three in a fancy box, at a box 15c.

MEN'S PURE LINEN HDKFS.—

Plain and hemstitched, fine pure qualities, matchless values at each 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c.

MEN'S LINEN HDKFS.—

Fine sheer qualities, done up one-half dozen in fancy box, at each 20c and 25c.

LADIES' SILK WAISTS \$3.19—

42 only, rich quality, Taffeta Silk Waists, made in latest designs, black and colors, worth regular \$5.00 each, our special holiday price \$3.19.

FINE LINENS.—

Pure bleached satin damasks, 68 to 72 inches wide, warranted every thread pure linen, choice patterns, at a yard 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

LINEN SETS.—

Cloth and napkins, superior quality, pure Satin Damask, size 2x21-2, new designs, special a set \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.90 and \$7.90.

PATTERN CLOTHS.—

Fine, rich, satin finish, pure linen, sizes 2x21-2, 2x3, 21-4-3, matchless values at each \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

NAPKINS.—

All pure linen, in wide range of patterns, at a dozen \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.90.

Seven Stores The Northway Company, Ltd. Two Factories

Canadian Bank of Commerce

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year Ending 30th November, 1905.

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| Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year | \$25,736 39 |
| Net profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts | 1,376,167 63 |
| Premium on New Stock | 664,996 00 |
| | \$1,999,890 02 |
| Which has been appropriated as follows:— | |
| Dividends Nos. 76 and 77, at Seven per cent. per annum | \$666,784 27 |
| Written off Bank Premises | 219,233 99 |
| Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution) | 25,000 00 |
| Transferred to Ret. Account | 1,000,000 00 |
| Balance carried forward | \$8,871 76 |
| | \$1,999,890 02 |

TORONTO, 12th December, 1905.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon.

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th NOVEMBER, 1905.

LIABILITIES.

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| Notes of the Bank in circulation | \$8,738,670 68 |
| Deposits not bearing interest | \$19,425,688 84 |
| Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date | 54,947,802 12 |
| | 74,373,490 96 |
| Balances due to other Banks in Canada | 128,832 02 |
| Balances due to other Banks in foreign countries | 225,477 32 |
| Dividends unpaid | 429 37 |
| Dividend No. 77, payable 1st December | 349,824 61 |
| Capital paid up | \$10,000,000 00 |
| Reserve | 4,500,000 00 |
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward | \$8,871 76 |
| | 14,558,871 76 |
| | \$98,375,897 62 |

ASSETS.

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|---|-----------------|
| Coin and Bullion | \$3,391,576 69 |
| Dominion Notes | 4,877,839 75 |
| | \$8,269,416 44 |
| Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note circulation | 400,000 00 |
| Notes of and Cheques on other Banks | 3,496,517 07 |
| Balances due by other Banks in Canada | 29,555 86 |
| Balances due by Agents in Great Britain | 2,485,681 31 |
| Balances due by Agents of the Bank and other Banks in foreign countries | 1,042,220 85 |
| Government Bonds, Municipal and other Securities | 5,711,102 77 |
| Call and Short Loans | 11,252,325 87 |
| | \$32,686,620 37 |
| Other Current Loans and Discounts | 64,308,041 40 |
| Overdue Debts (less fully provided for) | 101,327 86 |
| Real Estate (other than Bank Premises) | 71,023 66 |
| Mortgages | \$1,378 41 |
| Bank Premises | 1,000,000 00 |
| Other Assets | 182,305 92 |
| | \$98,375,897 62 |

B. E. WALKER,

General Manager.

BOOK BINDING.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at this office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be made of those magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices. Blank books such as journals, ledgers, day books, with any kind of ruling, made to order. All work warranted first class.

SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL.

In connection with the cheap excursion to New York on Dec. 15th the Lackawanna will run a special extra train, leaving Buffalo at 9:00 a. m., making principal stops only at Buffalo, Albany, and New York at 6:55 p. m., in time for dinner and the theatre. Choice of six other fast trains. One fare plus one dollar for the round trip, tickets good ten days. For full particulars of this and all other trains, see nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred. P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y.
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