

The Daily Planet

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THE NEW LEADER.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, the new leader of the Liberal Opposition in the Legislature is not a stranger to Chathamites. He visited this city during the last Ontario campaign and there are many who remember his speech made at that time.

As one of the press despatches says, the selection of Mr. Graham is mentioned as only a temporary one, pending a probable general convention wherein delegates from all parts of the province will have a voice. This is a plan which the Liberal party may adopt to draw to themselves a following of the party disaffected, and it is also a plan which the members themselves may taboo, and it is quite firmly believed in many quarters that Mr. Graham will now be the permanent leader.

In the inner circles here the rumor is spreading that Mr. Graham's selection, which was effected behind closed doors and in which the little band of twenty-four comprising the opposition only, were represented, that later on two other candidates, Hon. Richard Harcourt and Hon. A. G. McKay, will be seriously considered for permanent leader. The two and the newly selected leader were members of the Ross Administration. Mr. Graham and Mr. McKay held the portfolios of provincial secretary and minister of crown lands respectively. Hon. Richard Harcourt was for over two years minister of education, and had previously acted as provincial treasurer.

Hon. George P. Graham is the editor of the Brockville Recorder. He is a fairly good speaker, but is rather inclined to talkativeness, a trait which sometimes places a politician in annoying predicaments, since the scrap book forms such an important part of the equipment of the man in the public eye. The average gathering that is in evidence at a political demonstration would perhaps appreciate Mr. Graham as a public speaker more than do the members of the Legislature. He resorts to humor and his humor lacks dignity. There is none of the academic polish and the passion in his oratory which was such a marked feature of Hon. George W. Ross's forensic efforts, not has he the grace and the ease which marks Hon. Richard Harcourt's oratory. Of the last named, it has been said, and perhaps truly, that he has never made a poor speech in his life. His mind is a vast storehouse of information comprising nearly every subject that engrosses the mind of man.

There is a question as to whether Hon. George P. Graham will be acceptable to the party at large and that is due to his stand in 1904 at the convention when he and his old desk mate, Hon. A. G. McKay, forced the convention to abandon the prohibition platform to which the party was about to commit itself. The attitude of these two members, which is also illustrative of their doggedness, was responsible for the party taking a step backward on this question. It also resulted in the estrangement of the temperance vote which is dominant throughout the province with the exception of certain spots along the periphery.

Mr. Graham's future depends largely on the temperance element's declaration of peace or war.

LAI D AT REST

The funeral of the late John R. Snell took place on Monday last at Maple Leaf Cemetery, and was largely attended by friends, and the members of the Ancient Foresters and the Workmen, with which societies the deceased had formerly been actively connected. The floral offerings were many, testifying to the esteem in which the late Mr. Snell was held. Rev. W. S. Rutledge officiated at the last sad rites.

The late Mr. Snell was 66 years of age and was born in Durham County, England. He came to this country when very young. His forefathers were mariners, his grandfather and his father in turn being head lighthouse keepers at Campbell's Point. The late Mr. Snell himself passed his examinations as a pilot on the former of these active posts, and was engaged in sailing for several years. He came to Chatham 34 years ago, and sailed the lakes for six years. He afterwards started a paintmaking and decorating business in this city, and carried it on with much success, retiring from active life about one year ago.

He was for 15 years a valued recorder for the A. O. U. W., and for five years was local correspondent for the Labor Gazette.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Bauslaugh, of Wallaceburg; one sister, Mary, of this city, and two brothers, William, of Chatham, and Edgar, of Detroit.

The pall-bearers were: for the A. O. U. W., Wm. Rennie, Wm. Robinson and A. C. Reid, and for the A. O. F., R. M. Paxton, J. A. Wilson and Geo. Plummeridge.

LETTERS

A LEGAL POINT.

To the Editor of The Planet:

My Dear Sir,—A complaint of excessive charges against the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway was laid before the Municipal and Railway Board a few days ago.

The Board decided that no matter when a passenger boards a car five cents is to be the minimum fare for a distance not exceeding three miles, after that two cents a mile for the distance actually travelled—the point in dispute.

Now, Mr. Editor, I should like to call the attention of the Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Electric Company to this decision, for to my mind—if the Act applies to them—they are guilty of similar offences.

Let me give you a concrete example. Please pardon a personal allusion. When I board a car at Chatham to go to my father's home in Dover the conductor informs me the fare is twenty-five cents to the 8th line—a distance not more than miles—and if I wish to get off at the 9th, a distance of seventy or eighty rods, the fare is twenty-five cents. In other words, I am charged to go a point a mile and a half farther on and so, returning—twenty-five cents takes you to 10th line.

Again, suppose I board a car at a point between the 8th and 9th lines and ride to a point between the 11th and 12th lines, a distance of three miles or less, I am charged ten cents, or three and one-third cents (3 1/3) a mile.

Now, Mr. Editor, these are the facts in my experience while travelling on this road. Let me ask you in the light of the above decision can this company legally do this?

Yours very truly,

JOHN MCKENZIE, B. A.

Hornby, Jan. 23, 1907.

If you are constipated, dull, or bilious, or have a sallow, lifeless complexion, try Lax-ets just once to see what they will do for you. Lax-ets are little toothsome candy tablets—nice to eat, nice in effect. No gripping, no pain. Just a gentle laxative effect that is pleasingly desirable. Handy for the vest pocket or purse. Lax-ets meet every desire. Lax-ets come to you in beautiful lithographed metal boxes at 5 cents and 25 cents.

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ROGER D. STOVEL DEAD.

Traders' Bank Accountant Dies in Jamaica Where He Sought Health.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—A cablegram received yesterday from Jamaica conveyed the intelligence of the death of Roger D. Stovel, for many years connected with the Traders' Bank, and who, with Mrs. Stovel, their little son and Miss Birchall, a friend of the family, left in the latter part of November for Jamaica with the hope of regaining the health of Mr. Stovel. A letter received from the party the day before the earthquake stated that Mr. Stovel was very ill, and a few days later a cable message acquainted the friends of the death of the little boy. Yesterday the simple message, "Roger dead," told the story of the doubly bereaved wife and mother.

Roger D. Stovel was born in Toronto, his mother being Mrs. A. W. Smith of 480 Jarvis street. Brothers are: C. J. of San Francisco, Roy of Seattle, and Rex, also of the U. S. Mrs. Stovel is a daughter of the late Henry Dr. Davies, who was for many years principal of the Normal School here. Mr. Stovel was only 34 years old. He had been identified with the Traders' Bank for 15 years, and had risen from a subordinate position to that of assistant accountant in the head office. In the early period of his connection with the Traders' he was stationed in Orillia. He was a noted amateur photographer, and was last year president of the Toronto Camera Club.

A Murder in B. C.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 26.—The provincial police were yesterday advised of the murder at Salt Spring Island of a settler named A. Douglas of Beaver Point. George Williams, a settler, is suspected.

Coal From Japan.

Tacoma, Wn., Jan. 26.—Several cargoes of coal shipped from Japan will be received on Puget Sound shortly to help relieve the fuel famine.

THE SLOW TURTLE.

Waiter, it is luvy half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup. Yes, sah. But you know that turtles ain't mighty slow, sah.



FOR HOME COOKS

"Beaver" Flour is the flour for home baking—for women who take pride in their culinary skill, and their ability to run the house economically.

BEAVER FLOUR

is a blend of Manitoba Spring Wheat and Ontario Fall Wheat. It yields MORE bread to the barrel than any other brand.

Order "Beaver" Flour next time—and see how much more inviting and toothsome is everything you bake.

AT YOUR GROCER'S
Dealers, write for prices on all brands of Flour, Cereals and Grains and Cereals. T. R. Taylor Co., Limited, Chatham.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

HOWARD COUNCIL.

The newly elected council of the township of Howard for 1907 met at the township hall Monday as per statute.

Hiram McLarty, reeve; Edward Brien, deputy reeve; W. A. Walters, J. N. Campbell and E. E. Arnold, councilors. After subscribing to their declaration and qualifications of office they took their seats as representatives of the township of Howard for 1907.

The reeve congratulated the board on their election to office and he hoped they would transact the business for the year in a business-like manner. There was very little unfinished business left over from the past year so that whatever was to be done was worked accuring during the present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Communications.

From Wilson, P. & Co., barristers, Chatham, in reference to a claim of Dennis Lamb as contractor on Buller drain, claiming that he had taken contract waste construct the drain as per report of engineer and claims that he had to construct same in the course of the old waterway which he could not construct as cheaply as if he were allowed to follow the engineer's report.

From the Children's Aid Society, Chatham, and the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, wishing donations for the above institutions.

From H. A. Thomson, manager Molsons Bank, stating that on Dec. 31st, 1906, there was a credit to the township of \$7,709.31.

From A. S. Coder, C. E., Alvinston, applying for the position of engineer for the municipality for 1907.

From J. W. Spence and McLarty for position of assessor for 1907.

From E. K. Bury, secretary of Farmers' Association, Morpeth, copy of resolution in reference to the unusual assessment of land in Howard, as many farms are rated at about half the purchase money and others at full value.

From Blenheim News-Tribune, stating that they were prepared to furnish assessment blanks at a fair price.

Reports.

From Hiram McLarty and Edward Brien, committees appointed to investigate the difference between the amount of earth removed on lot 6, concession 5, for the straightening of McGregor Creek drain. Report that the report of the engineers intended same to be improved as it now is, so that said lot should have no extra charge.

From Hiram McLarty, stating that he had been notified by P. Causey to have the driftwood removed from the Winter drain. Had same done at a cost of \$1,000, entitling Mr. Causey to the above amount. Also recommended that the sewer pipe opposite lot 12, concession 1, be removed as it is too small, and have a larger one put in and charge to G. E. Brien.

From J. N. Campbell in reference to grievance of Jared Anderson re overflow of water on Howard road. Made the following agreement: Mr. Anderson to do half the work across lot 10, W. Cooper half across lot 11 and the township to do the balance. He said we do not want a cost of \$17.00 entitling R. Somerville to that amount.

From W. E. Galbraith, stating that the abutment at culvert on Talbot street is now complete and would recommend that the contractor be paid the balance of contract.

From John Ingram, certifying to the completion of ditch on Howard road as per instructions from Hiram McLarty, entitling Robert Somerville to \$8.77.

From A. McDiarmid, engineer, stating that he had inspected the Hunter drain and found that in some places the earth had not been removed the proper distance, and that the outlet does not comply with specifications.

From A. M. Crawford, sheep inspector No. 3 division, stating that Dougald Crawford had one ewe worried by dogs, value \$2.

From George McDonald, division registrar, stating that during the year 1906 he registered with the registrar general 70 births, 41 deaths and 12 marriages.

There were a number of accounts ordered paid.

The following persons addressed the council. Harry Cooper asked the amount allowed for bridge on the Bushton drain outfall.

W. H. Shaw, in reference to horse being injured on Thamesville road through defective culvert, stating that he had to kill same, being advised to do so by W. Campbell, V. S. W. Campbell, V. S., stated that the horse had his leg broken just below the shoulder and he could not do anything for it. Consider the horse worth \$35.

Resolutions.

Moved by Brien and Walters, that the accounts be paid as read and charged to their several accounts, with the exception of Geo. Secord, it to be left for further consideration, and M. McLean be paid \$3 instead of \$4 for D. R. O. at polling booth in No. 3 div.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Campbell, that the report of H. McLarty and E. Brien re settlement with Mr. Crawford in the McGregor Creek drain be received and placed on file.—Carried.

Moved by Arnold and Campbell, that the report of H. McLarty re Winter drain be received.—Carried.

Moved by Brien and Walters, that a grant of \$5 be given the Children's Hospital of Toronto, also a grant of \$5 to the Children's Aid Society of Chatham.—Carried.

Moved by Brien and Arnold, that the report of J. N. Campbell, re ditching on Howard road, be adopted and contractor be paid as recommended.—Carried.

Moved by Brien and Campbell, that Wm. Shaw be paid the sum of \$20 for damage to horse in culvert on Thamesville road.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Brien, that the report of Geo. McDonald re registration of births, deaths and marriages be received and placed on file.—Carried.

and he be paid as per statute.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Campbell, that the report of John Ingram re ditch on Howard road be received and placed on file, and Robert Somerville be paid as per report.—Carried.

Moved by Brien and Walters, that the Clerk be instructed to procure the usual number of copies of Municipal World.—Carried.

Moved by Brien and Arnold, that the report of A. M. Crawford be received and placed on file, and D. Crawford be paid \$2 as per inspector's report.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Campbell, that the collector's time for returning roll be extended to Feb. 1, 1907, and all taxes must be paid by that time according to statute.—Carried.

Moved by Campbell and Walters, that the resolution passed by the Farmers' Association re equalizing assessment in the township of Howard be received and placed on file and the spirit of the resolution in trying to get a fair assessment. Therefore, this council fully trusts that the assessor will spare no parties to make a proper assessment according to law.—Carried.

Moved by Arnold and Walters, that the report of A. M. Crawford, township engineer, on the Hunter drain, be received and the commissioner have the defective parts completed according to plans and specifications of A. Smith, C. E.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Campbell, that the report of W. E. Galbraith re Slabtown bridge be received and placed on file and contractor be paid as per report.—Carried.

Moved by Arnold and Campbell, that the Reeve and Clerk be a committee to procure a map of the township of Howard to be mounted and on a scale of not less than 100 rods to the inch and showing all municipal drains and school sections.—Carried.

By-laws appointing several township officers and local Board of Health were read the required number of times and finally passed.

Moved by Arnold and Campbell, that this council adjourn.—Carried.

GEO. McDONALD,
Clerk.

PLANT RETARDATION.

The Method of Producing Flowers Out of Season.

Lilies of the valley and many other plants are now placed on the markets of the world's great cities months after they are out of season. This is accomplished by "plant retardation," holding back the development by means of cold and darkness until whatever time is desired. Then they are once more subjected to light and warmth, when they blossom.

The most prominent feature of a plant retardation establishment is the huge cold storage building in which the plants are stored away. Under the care of the guide the visitor passes the portals. In a moment he steps from the warmth and light of a summer's day into the cold bitterness of a winter's night; the darkness of which is but feebly relieved by the flickering hand lanterns. The interior of the building is divided into various chambers, and each one of these is allotted to some particular kind of plant. One chamber is full of lily of the valley roots, the next is packed with boxes containing lily bulbs, while again a compartment is crammed with small potted plants of azalea and spirea.

Each and all of these varieties are in a dormant condition, sleeping away their time entirely unconscious of the changing seasons in the outside world. The walls of the chambers are thickly coated with a deposit of frost crystals, and millions of these flash like diamonds in response to the rays of light from the lamp. The degree of cold is usually obtained by means of a compressed air apparatus, and the freezing current is led into the different chambers through wooden channels.

In course of time these passages get choked with hoarfrost, and it becomes necessary for a man to enter them and clean the accumulation away. This is a cold job. In places the temperature is as low as 20 degrees below zero. The costume of a workman engaged in this clearing out operation is practically an arctic outfit. Every part of the body, with the exception of small holes for eyes and mouth must be protected with thick wool. Otherwise serious frostbites would ensue.

Retarded plants may be kept in check for eight months or at times as long as a year, and curiously enough they do not seem to be any the worse for the treatment. Indeed, the experience seems to make them grow all the faster when they are allowed to make a start. Some varieties grow at a tremendous rate when they are brought into heat.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

It doesn't take much to make a fool of any one.

Being busy has kept many a man out of mischief.

When a man does another man a favor, somehow it seems to strengthen his memory.

A great many people do not talk scandal, but they furnish the material, which is just as bad.

Indulge in as little fool talk as possible. People are quick to pick up your foolish sayings and repeat them behind your back.

Investigate and you will find that jealousy sends more people to insane asylums than any other thing. It will even do up drink in making a record.

Thank heaven, the multiplication table doesn't change! It is the only thing a mother knows that is the same as when she went to school and which she can speak of without being corrected.

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.

TWO SPECIAL MONTH-END BARGAINS!

SEE WINDOW DISPLAY

WEDNESDAY MORNING

We place on sale 863 YARDS MILL ENDS OF TOWELLING, in lengths of 1 yard and 8 yards each:—

8c Towellings for about	6c yard
9c " " "	6 1/2c yard
10c " " "	7c yard
11c " " "	8c yard
12c " " "	9c yard
5c " " "	10c yard

THURSDAY MORNING

We place on Sale 3,232 Yds. EMBROIDERIES AND INSERTIONS at about Half usual prices, as follows:—

Embroideries up to 3 inch wide for	4c yard
" " 4 " "	7c yard
" " 7 " "	9c yard
" " 13 " "	17c yard
" " 15 " "	23c yard
INSERTIONS in wide range patterns selling at about	Half-price

The above lines are now on Display in Our Show Windows, and will be placed on Sale on

WEDNESDAY MORNING AND THURSDAY MORNING

AT THE HOUR OF NINE O'CLOCK SHARP.

Be on Hand Early and Get First Picking

THE NORTHWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

IN ARMOR TIMES.

Strength of English War Horses in the Days of Henry VIII.

The size of the English war horse reached its maximum in the reign of Henry VIII., when the relations of body armor to "hand guns" were analogous to those of the early ship armor and cannon. There was good reason to believe, says the London Spectator, that by adding a little to the thickness of the coat of steel the soft, low velocity bullet of the day could be kept out. So it was for a time. But the additional weight required a still larger horse to carry it. The charger had to be armored as well as his rider, and the collection in the Tower of London shows the actual weight which it carried. The panoply of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, the brother-in-law of Henry VIII., still exists. That of the horse covers the whole of the hind quarters, the back of the neck, forehead, muzzle, ears, shoulders and chest. It is exactly like a piece of boiler plating and fastened by rivets.

The rider sat in a saddle, the front of which was a steel shield ten inches high, covering the stomach and thighs as the "breastwork" on an ironclad's deck covers the base of the turret. The total weight is eighty pounds fifteen ounces. To this add the weight of the rider's armor, ninety-nine pounds nine ounces, and of the rider himself, say sixteen stone (224 pounds), and the total is twenty-eight stone twelve pounds eight ounces, or 404 pounds 8 ounces.

This bears out Hollinshed's statement that in the days of Henry VIII., "who erected a noble studerie for breeding horses, especially the greatest sort," such as were kept for burden, those animals would bear four hundredweight commonly.

MAKING OLD OAK.

One of the Tricks of the Cabinet-makers' Trade.

You will have to go a long way before you find a body of men more clever than those cabinetmakers who produce goods to satisfy the desire of the public for furniture made of old and fancy woods. They can transform whitewood into all kinds of exotic woods by means of chemicals, and a chemist would be surprised if he were to have the run of one of these factories for a day.

The manufacture of "old" oak is one of the easiest of their processes. The boards, moldings, panels or whatever pieces are required are made of oak which has just had time to dry sufficiently to prevent excessive warping. They are then placed in a dark room, on the floor of which and quite close to the furniture to be "aged," are placed several bowls, plates and so forth, of liquid ammonia. The room is then hermetically closed up, and the wood is left for a month or so, according to the age which is required. The coloration will extend to a depth of nearly a quarter of an inch if the room is kept closed for a few months.

That is why there is so much old oak furniture about. Of course, a little reflection would show that it could not be genuine—the forests of the middle ages would not have furnished one-half of it—but people do not always reflect.

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.

WANTED

WANTED—Chamber maid and waitress, at Hotel Garner.

WANTED—Two dining room girls. Apply at Hotel Merrill.

AGENTS WANTED—Liberal pay and first class goods guaranteed. After you have thoroughly mastered the business we will start you on your own account. Write quick. Alfred Tyler, 355-7 Clarence St., London, Ont.

WANTED—At once, on salary and expenses, one good man in each locality with rig, or capable of handling horses, to advertise and introduce our guaranteed stock and poultry specialties. No experience necessary; we lay out your work for you; \$25 a week and expenses. Position permanent. Write W. A. Jenkins, Manufacturing Co., London, Ont.

ENERGETIC MEN—Wanted in every locality throughout Canada, to advertise our goods, tacking up showcards on trees, fences and along roads, also distributing small advertising matter. Commission on salary \$33 per month and expenses \$4 per day. Steady employment; no experience necessary. Write for particulars. Wm. R. Warner Medicine Co., London, Ontario.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT

FOR SALE—Stoves for sale at the Rankin House.

TO RENT—Pleasant furnished room, in private family, furnace heat, bath, etc. Apply W., Box 746, Chatham.

FOR SALE—Moderate sized house with modern improvements, for sale, on Victoria Ave., at a bargain. Apply to Thos. Scullard or Planet Office.

RESIDENCE AND LOTS FOR SALE—Will sell my house and lots on the corner of Lacroix and Harvey streets, either separately or as a whole for \$1,000 cash, balance to suit purchaser. W. S. Marshall.

FARM FOR SALE.—50 acres or choice land in the Township of Harwich, lot 16, concession 5, good frame dwelling, storey and a half; first class outbuildings, barn 36 x 56 x 24, shed and stable 30 x 60 x 22; arbutus well; good orchard of choice fruit. Apply on premises. Geo. E. Jordan, Chatham P. O.

GOOD FARMS FOR SALE.—Prices right.—150 acres, part lot 24, 7th concession, Dover, owned by Grant Bros.; 96 acres, corner 5th concession and Baldoon Road, Dover, owned by Lucian King; 100 acres, part lot 3, 17th concession, Chatham Township, known as the Robert Hastings estate; also several other farms for sale. Money to loan. Henry Dagneau.

FARM FOR SALE.—North-west half Lot 1, fourth concession, Township of Harwich, R. T. S., one hundred acres, more or less, in a good state of cultivation; barn 80 x 40; good drive barn and granary; good frame dwelling house; three good wells of water; one artesian well; fruit of all kinds; well located for dairy, one mile outside city limits, on twine between Harwich and Raleigh. For particulars, apply to Geo. W. Kelly, Queen St., south of Fair Grounds, or address G. W. Kelly, Box 615, Chatham, Ont.

HOUSES TO RENT—Two houses to rent on Grant St. Houses have just been rebuilt and are being papered throughout. Apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria Block.

FOR SALE—Desirable lot on Victoria avenue, for sale, next to the residence of W. R. Landon. Apply to Thos. Scullard or The Planet Office.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE!

Under and by virtue of the Powers conferred in a certain Assignment made for the benefit of Creditors by William F. Bellamy to John R. Gemmill, Esq., Assignee, which will be produced at the time and place of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on

Tuesday, the 29th day of January, '07 at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, on the undermentioned premises by Mr. C. J. Moore, Auctioneer, the following goods and chattels:—

1 gray mare 11 years old, 1 bay horse 12 years old, 1 bay mare 11 years old, 1 bay colt 1 year old, 6 steers coming 3 years old, 4 cows 5 years old, 3 steers 2 years old, 1 heifer 3 years old, 1 gray horse 9 years old, 1 bay mare 8 years old, 1 bay colt 2 years old, 1 other bay colt 1 year old, 2 heifers coming 2 years old, 3 cows 8 years old, 1 bull 2 years old, 1 traction engine, 20 horse power, 1 separator, stacker and feeder, 1 corn husker.