

## ..The Planet..

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## A CIVIC OPPORTUNITY.

His worship Mayor Sulman has the best interests of the Maple City before him. He has demonstrated this energetically and efficiently ever since he took the oath of the chief magistracy at the opening of the year. He has proved himself alive to the development of this community and to its great possibilities.

Last evening the Mayor reported to his colleagues at the City Council that, as a result of considerable correspondence carried on by ex-Ald. John Piggott, chairman of the old Board of Trade, and himself with the officials of the Wabash Railroad Company, two representatives of the railroad had visited our city the previous day to look over the ground with a view to locating their Canadian carshops here. The Industrial committee was authorized to continue negotiations.

The citizens will heartily endorse legitimate efforts utilized to secure these shops. Their location here will mean the erection of a \$200,000 plant and the permanent employment of at least one hundred and fifty skilled mechanics. It will do much to further metropolizing our city and inaugurating the new era of commercial prosperity.

A great opportunity confronts our civic representatives.

## THOSE ASSESSMENT FIGURES.

Aldermen at the City Council session last evening took occasion to condemn the local press for having given publicity to the disquieting and unsatisfactory figures shown in the assessment returns. The course was set down as unfortunate and injudicious.

Not so. Leaving aside the question of the right of the public to be fully and truthfully informed on such a matter of vital moment to them, is publicity not best in their own interests and the interests of the municipality?

If Chatham has been submerged in a somewhat slothful slumber, if industrial and commercial lethargy has unconsciously taken hold upon the community, if there has been a silent steady slipping sternward—then let there be an awakening.

Dreamy drifting is destruction. Wakefulness, and consequently activity is salvation. Let us be awakened, even if the rousing process jar unpleasantly, the probe be a painful one and the position in which we find ourselves be little to our liking.

What matter if it brings the inspiration to be up and doing?

Chatham's present position is not a unique one. Many other towns and cities have had similar experiences—it is the inevitable fate of a temporary stagnation. It only calls for an expenditure of hearty, united, earnest and energetic effort from every citizen—a donation which any civic patriot deems it a privilege to pay. There is no time to don the sackcloth and ashes over the discovery or its prominence—the moments are all needed in the furtherance of immediate and permanent betterment.

If the publicity accorded the official figures recently presented prove an incentive to practical personal and public progression, it will be the best advertisement our city ever had.

## UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

The loyal people of the British colonies in South Africa know the Boer intimately, comments the Hamilton Spectator. They know what he has done and what he will do if he gets the chance. Therefore they are strongly urging upon the British government the necessity of making no terms with the Boers except unconditional surrender.

After the refusal of the Boers to accept the extraordinary terms offered them by Kitchener, we do not see how the British government can do otherwise than insist upon making its own terms with the enemy, and we are glad to know that the story of the alleged revival of negotiations at Pretoria was entirely without foundation. For the good of the country and for the sake of permanent peace the Boers must not only be thoroughly conquered, but they must be made aware of that fact when it becomes a fact. The rank and file of the Boer army have been fed upon lies by the unscrupulous and designing men who led them into the war, and those demagogues should be given no chance whatever to give the rank and file an erroneous impression about the nature of the final settlement.

The home government will do well to heed the advice of the South African loyalists, who know the Boer, and who have no confidence in him. He must be put in his place if British South Africa is to prosper.

## BRONCHITIS

may mean a mere cold or a chronic incurable inflammation of wind-pipes.

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## CANADA HOLDS THE KEY.

A well-known English shipowner, Mr. Wilson, of the Warts Company, is of the opinion that within ten years most of the great eastern railways of the United States will operate their own steamers, which will enable them to control ocean rates, and that the British shipowners who are unable to secure connections with these railways will be very greatly prejudiced. He fails, however, to take into account the part Canada will play in the future transportation of this continent. The shortest routes to the old world are the Canadian, and when the St. Lawrence canals are deepened sufficiently to allow the passage of the largest ocean vessels, as they certainly will be in the course of time, the whole trans-Atlantic trade of Western America—the Western States as well as Canada will be carried that way, and Canada, not the United States, will hold the key to the greater part of the Atlantic carrying trade. To fully realize our advantages of position, however, we will have to spend millions on the development of our waterways. Besides the deepening of the St. Lawrence canals and the improvement of the route below Montreal, it may be profitable to construct the canals which have been projected in this province from the Georgian Bay to the St. Lawrence, by way of Lake Nipissing and the Ottawa River and the Georgian Bay Canal from Collingwood to Toronto. With ocean vessels coming over these routes it is easy to see that the American seaboard would give place to Lake Superior as the meeting point of the trade of the old and new worlds. It depends largely on Canadians themselves how fully they realize this splendid destiny which awaits them. If they display but one-half of the enterprise which has built up the United States, Canada must be one of the first class commercial nations before a quarter of a century passes, and our whole western territory will be filled with a busy and thriving community. In some respects we are not as richly endowed as our cousins to the south, but we have the best of it in the matter of ocean routes, and if we use our advantage properly we can prevent the United States from making that commercial conquest of the earth which it is evidently the aim of her capitalists to attempt.

## THE CHRISTIANIZING OF CHINA.

The Russian writer and revolutionist, Prince Kropotkin, who is now in the United States, has delivered himself as follows in regard to missionary effort in China:

"It will be impossible to Christianize China without destroying the very foundation of the people's morality. Western ways of thinking and western customs are not adaptable to the Orient. Force these civilized ideas upon the Chinese and you tear down much that is good without being able to give anything in return."

The statement that the Christian missionaries in any land "tear down much that is good without being able to give anything in return," is one that is not for a moment to be taken seriously. The aim of those who are endeavoring to Christianize China is not to substitute for Confucianism a new foundation for morality which, Prince Kropotkin to the contrary notwithstanding, is far stronger than any that Confucianism has supplied or can supply. Both his sweeping general statement, that in the Orient Christianity is necessarily inferior to Confucianism, and his declaration that the work of the missionaries is destructive and not constructive, the Russian writer puts forth as if they needed no other confirmation than his own ipse dixit. Against his arraignment of missionary effort may be set the actual facts as stated by Rev.

Francis E. Clark, in the North American Review:

"More than 2,000 missionaries, mostly American and British, were at work in the Middle Kingdom at the time of the revolution. Their day schools were numbered by the thousands, and perhaps by the ten thousand. They have established hundreds of hospitals, in some of which as many as 10,000 patients are treated every year. In the churches of the Protestant missionaries alone are gathered 100,000 substantial converts. Their adherents are many times that number. The Catholic missions have more adherents still."

It may be urged that hundreds of thousands do not count for much among hundreds of millions, but the point is that the Chinese who are not yet converted have their own Confucian basis of morals, and that there is no "tearing down" in their case, while with the growth of Christianity among the teeming Chinese population, very gradual as that growth may be, there is a constantly advancing change towards the substitution of the Christian for the Confucian basis. The danger comes not from proselytizing, not from sincere efforts at Christianizing the country, but from the deplorable conduct of nominal Christians in their relations with the empire. The terrible outrages of 1860 have been repeated of late with additional horrors, and what are the Chinese to think of them? "They are henceforth," says Sir Robert Hart, "more likely to go on developing might, for want is a teacher, than return to their old time-honored belief in reasonable action and right." The trouble is that the Chinese find that the world powers, which are all nominally Christian, do not all carry into actual practice the precepts of Christianity, as expounded by the missionaries.

In the oratory contest in the Normal college the winner was a lady. Of course!

The latest bulletin from the Hill says that the Dobell baggage incident made Sir Wilfrid mad enough to hit the pipe.

The St. George Sentinel has our heartfelt sympathy. The town band has leased a room at the back of the newspaper office.

Oom Paul is to visit the United States after all. The British lion had better get ready for some real fancy knots in his tail.

The closing of the Prussian diet, yesterday, doesn't mean that you may not eat limburger and brown bread and drink lager beer to-day.

Almost any man can say that he never kissed a girl. But the most of us have too much regard for truth to make any such statement.

The Goderich Star says: "Remember that the lobster is a scavenger." We don't know about that; but we do know that some scavengers are lobsters.

The governor of Kansas has nearly gone broke fulfilling his promise of a silver mug to triplets born during his term of office. Fifteen applications have already been filed. He had better raise the limit.

Hug-the-machine Preston is getting some sharp comment for bringing his libel suit against the Ottawa Journal. Not one Liberal paper, so far as we have observed, has defended his action.

Complaint is made that Canadian money is accepted in Buffalo only at a discount. If that's so, Canadian money should stay away from Buffalo. There are plenty of places where it will pass at par.

An artilleryman near New York tried to break a stick of dynamite on a rock. The largest piece of his body found after the accident was part of his leg and thigh, weighing about fifty pounds, and the rest of him was scattered all around the place. Well, they say there is one born every minute.

Dr. Algic R. Cook, professor of mineralogy in the Northwestern University of Chicago, and said to be a handsome man of 37, recently said to a mixed class of young men and women:

"I have never said a profane word, never hugged or kissed a woman or girl, never drank, chewed or smoked." Profanity and intemperance are bad, of course, but why does the guileless professor class kissing with them? The professor never kissed a girl as if it were a sin. We leave it to our readers if it isn't a pleasant operation, says the Brockville Times.

The Liberal Montreal Witness has been having a talk with Mr. Ross over the political census circular. The Ontario Premier expressed the opinion that the census enumerators would not use the circular if it was wrong to do so, to which the Witness replied: "Mr. Ross expressed the pious opinion that few of the enumerators

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into whose hands they, the circulars, fell would have perjured themselves in filling them out. It is difficult in view of what our election courts reveal, to account for the politician's sublime faith in the integrity and incorruptibility of the ward and machine politicians who follow him." The nearest "pious opinion" from Mr. Ross is contained in the concluding remarks in his interview, as follows: "When the time comes that the Liberal party has to depend upon sinister and questionable methods for retaining its hold upon the public, its usefulness is gone. I am happy to believe that it does not feel itself in that position now, and never did during my experience, and I hope never will." This reads extremely well, in the light of the election revelations, which show that methods not merely sinister and questionable, but downright criminal, have been employed to sustain the falling dynasty.

## DRAWS THE LINE.

Hamilton Spectator.

At last something has been discovered which Toronto is not reaching out its tentacles for. It is smallpox.

## POST-MORTEM APPRECIATION.

Stratford Beacon.

Two letters and two books written by Edgar Allen Poe have just been sold at auction in Boston for \$3,600, a much larger amount to money than Poe ever managed to scrape together in his life-time.

## THAT GOOD MAY COME.

Hamilton Herald.

The best remedy for all this trouble about telephone rates is government ownership and management of the whole telephone system. For our part, we would like to see telephone rates increased fourfold if the increase would hasten this great reform.

## SMIFF ON THE ROLE OF PROBS.

Bobcaygeon Independent.

By special arrangement with a goosebone artist of eminence, this journal is enabled to announce that next week the weather will be wet, windy and stormy, and followed by cold. The end of the month is to be much the same, if not more so.

## TOO ABSURD.

Bobcaygeon Independent.

The idea of a New York lady 7 feet 2 inches tall hauling a poor miserable little husband of 5 feet 2 inches before a court of law for non-support is too absurd. Why, it would take a whole bunch of husbands that size to hold her up. Imagine that lady cooing on the bosom of a 5 foot 2 inch hubby.

## The Grass Is Beginning To Grow

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