

South Chatham Should Wake Up

Apparent Reckless Disregard of the Health of the Pupils of the Central School.—A Suggestion for Alleviating the Danger.

The Central school will be opened again next Tuesday, after being closed for thirteen school days, on account of the recent outbreak of diphtheria among the scholars. During these thirteen days the city has suffered an expense of approximately \$50 a day, through teachers' salaries, etc., making in all a total expense of about \$650, for which no return has been made or ever can be made. Why is it that the city has been forced to practically throw away \$650? And what steps should be taken to prevent a re-occurrence of the same? These are questions which appeal very strongly and seriously to the thinking men of the city, and the men who are, year after year, contributing taxes towards the maintenance of public institutions. There is no doubt in the mind of any reasonable citizen that this money is a complete loss. Some might say that the teachers will, when the school opens again, work harder and gain up the time which has been lost. This, however, is impossible. Any one who knows the system upon which the Central school is managed will also know that the teachers are exerting themselves to their utmost every day of their lives, so that the time which has been lost has been lost forever.

The question which is interesting the public to-day is, what caused the outbreak of this contagious disease in the school?

Some have gone far enough to contribute to defective plumbing in the school-building. The sanitary expert who has examined the school, however, does not encourage this belief. He says himself that he does not think that the plumbing caused the outbreak of diphtheria. He also says that he would not pronounce the school unsanitary, yet it is his opinion that the school would not stand a severe test as to its sanitary condition. The plumbers under his direction are now at work putting the plumbing of the school in such a condition that it will stand the severest sanitary inspection.

If the plumbing did not cause the outbreak of the disease, then what did? There seems to be no doubt that something in the school was responsible for it. Any person who has interest enough in the health of the children to take the trouble to enter the school yard and cast a glance towards the west side of the playground may, perhaps, receive enlightenment on this question. Here a deplorable state of affairs exist and has existed for some time.

The western boundary of the small playground is lined with old barns, stables and outbuildings—cess pools of dirt and filth—and the poisonous odors issuing from these buildings permeate the air of the playground, particularly in the warmer weather, and the children of the school inhale this poisoned air into their systems every day of their lives. Ask any medical man if this state of affairs is conducive to the health of the thousand children who attend that school.

There is, apparently, only one way to rid the school of this nuisance, and that is to enlarge the playgrounds by purchasing the three lots which are wedged in between the present school grounds and Queen street. This is, of course, a matter of expenditure, but what is \$5,000 as compared with the health of a thousand school children? It is a matter of \$5 a child and where is the parent in the city who would not willingly pay out \$5 to have his child relieved from an unhealthy condition. The most of the parents, if they were acquainted with the true state of affairs, would not only think the investment a good but would demand such an action on the part of the Public School Board.

It is well known that growing children need fresh air, not only in the school, but also in the school yards. They should also have as large a ground as possible to play in. Any person can readily see that the present cramped up quarters called a school yard, where one thousand pupils remain huddled together during the recess hours, is by no means large enough. The boys cannot throw a ball without endangering the lives of some of the smaller pupils, and there is not room for even a game of tag—except perhaps squat tag—and every person knows that a boy cannot develop physically or mentally unless he is given a certain amount of exercise and allowed to enter into athletic sports.

The Central school in every other respect is a model school, and the credit of this is due the School Board. But they should not stop here. They should have as large a degree of perfection in the school yard as they have in their building and teaching staff.

Toronto this year is expending \$72,000 in enlarging school yards. These yards, which are now considered too small, were, in years gone by, thought sufficiently large. Chatham, heretofore, has not been slow to move in the promoting public improvements and no hesitation should be evidenced now, especially when the present question is of such vital importance.

A SUCCESSFUL YOUNG CANADIAN

County Treasurer J. C. Fleming received an invitation to attend the exercises of the Medical and Dental College, San Francisco, Cal. When his nephew, Andrew Fleming Dolin, received his diploma, he having graduated from the college as a dentist.

Mr. Dolin's success shows what pluck and perseverance will do. When he left here a little over six years ago, beyond a good education, he being graduate of the C. C. I. and C. B. C. Mr. Dolin had no capital. Scouring a situation on the electric street railway he worked up to the position of conductor. One of the men who rode on his car was an elderly and influential dentist of San Francisco. He took an interest in the bright young Canadian and induced him to study dentistry. Mr. Dolin used to study at night and during spare hours. He had a tourist run, and often on wet days he managed to get a chance to study at his work. About three years ago he married a girl from Kent County but still continued his studies. Some idea of the kind of stuff that the man is made of may be gathered from the fact that he used to walk in to the C. C. I. every school day from his home six miles out in Dover Township. His early training in endurance stood him in good stead in the west and he was able to stand the continued strain of work and study and finally success crowned his efforts. His friends in Chatham had no inkling of his intentions until they received an invitation to attend at the exercises when his diploma was granted.

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The world is wide
In time and tide,
And God is guide
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St. Thomas is the Railroad City, but I can't say that it is attractive.

Why didn't the 24th Kent Regiment get a good place to take? St. Thomas is too easy.

Wait till the people in St. Thomas see that thin, red line, which the 24th calls its drum major.

Why not let Pete McAulay and Adj. Coitart fight it out with drawn swords between shupers.

Live and let live is all very well; but Stratton prefers "get and forget."—Hamilton Spectator.

Ald. Piggott's friends say that it was no wonder that Lady Aileen Elliott knew him in Hamilton.

The Rev. Mr. Torrie was ordained Wednesday. I know, he is a good man because he has a good name.

The Sainly City will have a chance to see what good soldiers look like when the 24th Regiment reaches that community.

Dear Police.—Couldn't you again forget that there is a sidewalk cyclist by-law?

STRATTON, JR.

I heard a lady asking for the truthful paper and I was not surprised to find that it was a copy of this G. H. J. she wanted.

How many witnesses did Stratton ask to forget things?—Hamilton Spectator. Let's see. How many witnesses did the defense have?

No, Dear Alright Yes, I don't think that the enemy, when they want quarter, go to the Quarter-Master, but you might ask Doc. Cornell.

I reckon the police think that the people are going to ride on the sidewalks anyway, and that's why they have abolished the excursion rates.

The disappearance of the spur, or what George Gordon did for Colborne Street, a romance in a hundred chapters, written by a verbose olderman.

A Petroler man lost his head on Tuesday. That's nothing, however, half of Windsor lost their heads when the Governor-General made his flash visit.

The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From The Planet from April 1st to May 31st, 1854.

The Planet celebrates its third birthday.

Three daily trains were placed on the Great Western R. R.

The Geo. Moffatt, which plies between Chatham and Montreal, is launched for the season.

The death of Mr. Justice Talfourd, who died at the Stafford Assizes, of apoplexy, on March 13, is recorded.

The wedding of Thos. Nichols to Miss Susan Poole, both of this town, is announced in the April 3 edition.

The April third edition contains the annual report of the president and directors of the Kent Agricultural Society.

A man named Alexander Callum, in Monrovia, Liberia, County, killed his wife with a hammer because he was jealous of her.

Robert Nelson died suddenly on the 7th day of April. An inquest was held by Coroner Dr. R. Pegley, and the verdict was that death was occasioned by a fit.

In an account of the May 5th proceedings of the Council a communication was read from the secretary of the Great Western R. R., granting Chatham clergymen passes on the railroad.

On Monday morning a person of the name of W. Rhodes made an attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a jack-knife. He had been suffering from delirium tremens and the attempt was unsuccessful.

The population of the town of Chatham, as reported by the assessors in 1854, was—
Ward 1—933.
Ward 2—1,543.
Ward 3—918.
Total—3,394.

Spring Assizes for the County of Kent commenced at the court house in Chatham on April 27, and closed on the evening of the 29th. Justice Drapeau presided. His associate court officers were W. B. Wells, Geo. Duck, Jas. Smith, Thos. McCrae, W. Baby and A. Laflaw.

A young lad named Wm. Smith was drowned in McGregor's creek. He had been playing on the sawlogs.

I hope the Police Commissioners get that bicycle for the policeman, then, perhaps, somebody will catch them riding on the sidewalk at \$5.50 per ride.

I move that the Police Commissioners put a fog-horn on the bicycle they buy for the police force. Then the sidewalk cyclists can hear the police coming.

The Adjutant of the 24th Regiment repudiates the rumor that he has been staying up at nights studying a book entitled, "How to behave when away from home."

Regimental orders say lights out at 10.30 p. m. in the camp of the 24th Kent Regiment at St. Thomas. That's about the time the soldier boys will begin to light out.

When the 24th Regiment gets through painting St. Thomas red, and there is abundance of business for all citizens of all classes. Could some scheme not be devised by which our business and professional men might get together, become better acquainted, and learn each other's good qualities.

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I just want to warn the members of the 24th Kent Regiment not to kidnap any of those St. Thomas people and bring them home as regimental mascots just because they look easy.

"C" Company of the 24th Kent Regiment always meets for drill on Wednesday night. I guess that's why it is called the Prayer Meeting Company, because there is no other possible reason.

If the 24th Kent Regiment is ever attacked by a ferocious enemy, the Maple City soldiers need not throw up entrenchments. All they will have to do will be to shove the Quarter-Master to the front.

The Satellite would like all Chatham to hear that lecture which Chairman White, of the C. C. I. Board, says is necessary "to detail all the useful knowledge I obtained at the several meetings of the Ontario Educational Association." The Satellite would send his regrets.

AN OLD, OLD STORY.
Children and matches—fire—McGarvin's loss over \$1,000.

"Getting Together"

Heart to Heart Talks with Chathamites—A Business Man's Club Suggested—Something for the Young Men of the Regiment to Think Over.

The time has fully come when Chatham should be relieved of some of the village swaddling clothes which have clung to it since the day when it was a frontier village.

It is a well established fact that life in the smaller towns and villages is less desirable because lived in narrower channels than in the larger towns and cities. Petty local jealousies and a mean distrust and dislike of those in similar business is usually characteristic of the business and professional men in the smaller places.

These undesirable traits have not yet been entirely eliminated from the ranks of Chatham's citizens. This is the best city of its size in Ontario, and there is abundance of business for all citizens of all classes. Could some scheme not be devised by which our business and professional men might get together, become better acquainted, and learn each other's good qualities.

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In view of the fact that the Central school has now been closed for some time on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, it might be well to point out that many of the parents of the city have been known to send some of their children to school when perhaps one remains at home suffering from some contagious disease. This is a very dangerous course to pursue and such parents should be warned against so doing. There seems to be no doubt that if proper precautions had been taken when the diphtheria first broke out in the school much trouble might have been saved. The principal of the school cannot be held responsible. The parents themselves should be as energetic as the authorities in working against the spreading of contagious diseases in the schools.

In many cases the parents are inclined to think they are doing something clever and diplomatic by smothering up the fact that they have contagious diseases in their homes and by sending the non-affected ones on to school. This, instead of being clever, is, on the other hand, very wrong and foolish. Parents should think twice before they endanger the health of a whole school full of children. This is a matter for such parents to think over and, if necessary, the authorities should act in the matter.

Upon several occasions lately Col. Rankin has been obliged to deliver lectures to the men of his regiment for negligence in their attendance at drill. Why is it that the men do not turn out regularly?

A young man stands on the sidewalk when the regiment is marching down the street. He sees the soldiers dressed in their brilliant uniforms and hears the complimentary remarks from the spectators on the street. He longs to wear such a uniform and desires to place himself in a position where he will attract attention and be talked about. As a result he joins the regiment.

After he has been a soldier for a short time the novelty begins to wear off and his military duties become irksome. As a result he tires of the rifle and stays away from drill simply because he has not sufficient manhood, and there is not enough moral fibre in his nature to compel him to live up to his duties. He takes an oath that he will be present but he even disregards his word of honor.

The death of Wm. McCrae is recorded on May 21st, at the advanced age of 76 years. He was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of this county. He was born in Detroit in 1779, but moved to Chatham while a young lad with his father. He was actively engaged in the war of 1812, rendering signal services to the British. He had been elected to three different parliaments, representing Kent County, and was a Tory of the old school. He was the only magistrate in these parts for many years. A widow and large family were left to mourn his loss.

During the past week our wharves have been unusually active, from the number of vessels refitting and loading with various products of this fertile section of country for eastern points. The new and fast sailing steamer Canadian, launched last fall by Messrs. W. & W. Eberts, started for Detroit on Friday, to complete her fitting up, prior to taking the place of the Ploughboy between this place and Detroit. It is the intention to run the boat back and forth daily for the convenience of merchants and others.

"UNLUCKY 13"

"Don't you believe that 13 is an unlucky number," remarked Thomas Martin, contractor, politician and baker. "We of the borough across the river have proved that the sinister influence accredited to a baker's dozen is only a popular fallacy. Herbert Terry set a hen on 13 eggs and the hen hatched out 15 chickens and had two eggs to spare. I don't think you could coax Herbert to remark that 13 is an unlucky number." "Well, isn't it unlucky," queried the man from South Chatham. "Hasn't Mr. Terry two more chickens to feed?" But Mr. Martin didn't take any notice of the interrupter.

Ethel—A sixteen-page letter from George? Why, what on earth does he say?
Mabel—He says he loves me.

Tommy—Pop, what is a chaperon?
Tommy's Pop—A chaperon, my son, is an old lady who keeps her eyes on the chaps.

Not long the Colonel, in exhorting the soldiers to attend drills, he drew attention to the fact that the members of the band were always regular in turning out. Why is it that the band turns out better than the soldiers? Because the members of the band are all musical and fond of music so that their duty does not become irksome. Here is a suggestion for those in command of the regiment. If some means could be provided whereby a spirit of friendly rivalry and a fondness for drill could be instigated among the soldiers possibly the certain lectures of the Colonel would not be necessary.

Men are, in a good many ways, like children. They do what they like to do in the matter of exercise. A professional man in an office should take exercise. If he had to do this by taking long walks or sawing wood he would soon tire of his exercise and discontinue it. He, however, becomes interested in bowling, develops a fondness for it, and thus he gets his exercise and often neglects his business in order to bowl on the green. Most children do not like school work, and get it is said by the teachers of the Collegiate Institute that the greatest punishment for a scholar in the commercial form is to deprive them of using the typewriter. They develop a liking for their work and they need no driving. Thus with the soldiers. If they could become interested in military work everything would be plain sailing. This is a matter for the officers to think about.

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I should say that perfection of mind, like that of the body, consists of two elements—of strength and beauty; that it consists of firmness and mildness, of force and tenderness, of vigor and grace.

An old man who had been to London was describing to his friends the splendor of the hotel he stayed at. Everything was perfect, said he, with the exception of one thing—they kept the light burning all night in my bedroom, a thing I ain't used to.

Well, said one of them, why didn't you blow it out?
Blow it out? said the man; how could I! The blessed thing was inside a bottle!

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