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#### The Letter-Box

SILENT ELOQUENCE AND ELO-

QUENT SILENCE.

Editor Planet:

Perhaps no meeting ever held Chatham was characterized by great an amount of silent eloquence and eloquent silence as that held in the Opera House Monday night. Mr. Pardo, true to his parliamentary career, was eloquently silent in regard to those laws, which the Liberal organ says he introduced. A book might be written on "Ledson the

Dr. Landerkin was eloquently silent in regard to the latest acquisition to ranks of Liberalism, Henry Smyth, Mr. Boss was eloquently silent conning West Elgin, Duncan Boles the famous Pritchett, But perhaps in no part of the Premier's speech was he so strangely silently eloquent as on the question of the londed referendum. Taken altogether the speeches were remarkable for what they did not contain.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

ABOUT LAWYERS.

To the Editor of The Planet : I have waited for some days, in order that Mr. John A. Walker might correct a statement credited to him by the Banner-News. At one of the meetings held recently, the Banner-News says that Mr. Walker told the electors to choose between Lawyer Fraser and Farmer Pardo.

Mr. Editor, is this true? Could any

man so stultify himself and the pro ession to which he belongs as to us

such an expression?

Does Mr. Fraser's legal training make him less a man, or less capable of performing the duties of a legisla-

Does not every municipality employ a lawyer to look after its interests?

Is not every bill drafted by a law

Are not the lawyers of this country as deeply interested in its welfare as are the farmers? Is Mr. Walker not fit for any pub

lic office because he is a lawyer ? Is this the Mr. Walker who fattened by Scott Act fees because he was lawyer?
Is this the Mr. Walker who went a

break-neck speed to secure the office made vacant by the death of the late Wm. Campbell, because he was a law yer? Is this the Mr. Walker who is now after the office of the late Wm. Doug-las, because he is a lawyer?

Is this the Mr. Walker who opposed

the giving of an office to Mr. James Holmes because Mr. Holmes Such clap-trap may do for little minds, but it is unworthy any man of

Mr. Walker's training.

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# PEACE TERMS

ainable leads to the belief that there are a number of obstacles in the way of a peaceful settlement. In summing up the situation at Vereeniging, it is safe to say that a majority of the Transvaalers, including the Transvaal government, is in favor of peace, while the representatives of the Orange Free State, with a few influential exceptions, declare they will not renounce independence. Strangely enough, General De Wet, who was most irreconcilable at the last conference, is now quite a strong admost irreconcilable at the last con-ference, is now quite a strong ad-vocate of peace. Lord Kitchener cer-tainly will not exceed the concessions already offered the delegates, so there remains only the question of the re-duction of the demands of the Orange Free State representatives or the possibility of a split between the Boer factions. This latter, while it would delay an immediate settlement of the matters before the conference, would the situation in the field.

TILBURY

May 21.-Miss Eva Stewart is in Chatham to-day.

A large number of villagers attend-Grit meeting in Merlin last evening. Hugh Johnston left this week on a eek's visit to his home in Port Row-

Mrs. Dr. Sharp and Mrs. W. A. Johnson were in Chatham on Monday to hear Sousa's band. Mr. and Mrs. George Dusty, of Hag-ersville, arrived here to-day on a visit with the latter's parents.

Several local Grits were in Chatham on Monday night to hear Hon. G. W.

"DRINK GRANO, CEREAL COF-

#### THAMESVILLE

May 20 .- W. J. Smith, of London, is S, B. Ripley was in Chatham yester-

H. Graves imported a carload of poatoes from the east yesterday. Mrs. G. A. Dickson continues very

Mr. Syer, of Guelph, was in town o-day.

George Harvey, a former resident ere, was in town to-day. Carrier boys are not authorized to collect subscriptions. Our collector calls in each town once a month; if a subscriber wishes to pay his account before the collector calls, he must remit direct to The Planet Office Chat-ham, as we will not be responsible for monies paid to carriers.

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#### WALLACEBURG

May 20-Among the Chatham visitors yesterday were, Mr, and Mrs. J. H. Fraser, Dr. and Mrs. Knight, T. B,. Dundas, W. Power, J. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. A. Parker, S. Course, J. Harrison, F. Falstead, W. McDougall H. Burgess, and Miss Daisy Burgess, C. Boughman, G. Woolliver, and many others.
Mrs. W. C. Lee returned to-day af-

Joseph's hospital.

R. Mickle left yesterday to spend few weeks at Chatham. The Wallaceburg lacrosse team is now in the league. J. Laycock was a delegate to Chatham in the interests of the team this week. We are pleased to report that Miss Bella Drummond, who underwent a critical operation in St. Joseph's hospital a few weeks ago, is greatly im-

proved, and we hope will soon be quite strong agaiin.

Mrs. E. Duckett will also soon be

#### DRESDEN

May 21.—On Monday evening, May 19th, the wife of Robert Yorkston, of

John Waddell, of Chatham, town on business yesterday. Mrs. J. E. McGloghlon is in Chatnam to-day visiting her sister-in-law,

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Jast evening.

Bert G. Westcott, of Learnington,
was in Dresden yesterday.

John Caister is employed on the
steel works of the Beet Sugar Co.

Mrs. Reid, of Michigan, who has
been visiting her sister, Mrs. Draper,
Victoria Ave., returned home on Mor-

day last.
Mrs. Hayhow, who has been quite ill, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Aikin have returned from their honeymoon, and are spending a few days with friends and

Miss Lizzie Steeper, of this town, and Mr. Allison, of Kent Bridge, are to be married at the residence of the bride's parents a fortnight from to-

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They circled us covered by the bush. It was the most auful two hours I put in, as our men did not know where our rear guard was, or rather they thought we were safely in. Our pom-pom played over our heads, also the fifteen pounders, to check the Boers from coming to camp, but as usual they had the cover of the shrubs. We got it very hard. Fourth of E, Squadwith sixteen men, had four killed, two seriously wounded, three wounded in legs, shot through both; four slightly wounded, of which I was one-only a slight flesh wound on the arm. At the time it was very painful. What was left of us to fire the Boers came out on horseback yelling and wav-ing their rifles over their heads. The first thing they did was to grab our bandoliers and rifles. Out of 180 rounds of ammunition not much was left for them to use against us another time. The next lot that came, off with your serges. Then a kid of sixteen grabbed my hat, another those trousers which I soon had to discard. My watch was in the pocket. I asked him for it as it was a present from mother. He handed it back and said he was very sorry to take it from me, but another kid says, "Hand it over here. It will do me more good than you, Roonihr."

A large number of the enemy are dressed in khaki as they can get no other clothes to wear, and they say we can get plenty. After they got all the good clothes and shoes they could carry I returned with another comrade to firing line. It was not a pleasant sight to see our dead stripped of their clothes and valuables. Although it was five o'clock and getting dark four of us stayed with wounded till the ambulance came about eight o'clock p. m., when we started for camp. It was cold and a drizzling

rain was falling. On return we saw the camp had also done their work. Dead horses were strewn all over the field, and believe it was Delarey's intenti wipe out the whole column and capture it, but our guns and rifle fire was too much for them.

At night every man was in a trench. but, however, Kemp and Delarey's army had got all they wanted that afternoon and only a few stray horses came near and they were soon dispatched. Next morning was a miserable day, and no sunshine to brighten things up. Everything was done to defend the camp, good deep trenches dug and plenty of ammuni-tion placed in readiness. However, Mr. Boer did not return, so we buried our dead, the wounded were cared for and at one o'clock they left for field hospitals. As they got out a piece a squadron of troops galloped on them but it turned out to be Kitchener's column to our relief, as he had received word we were cut to

At first we thought it was Boers going to search wagons. We soon got in trenches again—this time to deal out mmunition in a different way they got it from Lord Methuen; but the column changed its course. rider came in and we were all glad, as a day like it was not the best un-

der the circumstances.

At two o'clock we left Bouchbult for our main camp, which I don't know the name of. In fact not ten men out of 700 know the names of the places around here. We are now camped in this place getting fitted up with full accoutrements, clothing, etc., so we

I will say a word or two as to how they live around here. I think operations could not have been going long, as on Sunday we guarded a convoy with our stores, and passed through new potate patches, green corn, beans, peas and all kinds of vegetables; but one thing we noticed crowned everything. Something like a dead ox was on our left. Two men went over to see what it was. It proved to be a bag about the size of an ox, full of good wheat. Next we struck corn fields with heaps of husked corn in them. The Boers had only left about an hour before. Now, the people at home will say, why not go after them. In the first place our horses had travelled from 15 to 30 miles. In the meantime the Boers will watch us from some known of the boars of the boars of the boars of the boars. from some kopje. Our horses are tired, while their horses are fresh,

tired, while their horses are fresh, and they can get up and go, if not off, and give us the laugh; so that it is no use chasing until you can surround them by keeping in touch with other columns or squadrons.

Last Wednesday an Oddfellow was laid to rest, having died from wounds received in action. He came from the Northwest, enlisting as shoeing-smith. A number of Oddfellows and his comrades of A squadron attended his furades of A squadron attended his fu-neral. The names of the men who have fallen here are cut on a stone

over his grave.

I received a paper from Chatham announcing the death of Bro. Moore, which event I was very sorry to read. I must now close, and take this opportunity to thank the lodge for one year's dues, and trust I will be spared to return again.

I remain yours, F. L. T.,
J. A. KENDELL.

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