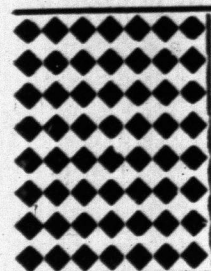


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### THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.  
Toronto Mar. 28—10 a. m.—Moderate and fresh northwesterly winds; fine. Thursday, moderate to fresh northwesterly winds; fine, not much change in temperature.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Wm. Fenton, of Dresden, is in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Alex. Gregory and children, Lorne avenue, are visiting in London.

Mr. Hulin is slightly better to-day but is still dangerously ill.

The cheapest, surest and safest way to cure a cold is to spend a night in the Turkish bath, Sixth street.

A large party went to Detroit this afternoon to hear the Alice Neilson Opera Company in "The Singing Girl."

O. B. Hulin wishes to express his thanks to Mrs. Wm. Brown, Queen St., for cut flowers, and also to Mayor T. A. Smith for two beautiful plants.

Noble Gardiner's name was inadvertently omitted from the 1 A list, published the other day. His rank is 12 in a class of 31 and his average 53 per cent.

A cold leads to pneumonia which is often fatal. You can get rid of a cold in one night without fear of catching fresh cold at the Turkish bath, Sixth street.

**NEW SPRING NECKWEAR.**  
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### DEATH OF J. L. SIMPSON.

John L. Simpson, Baldwin street, passed away yesterday at 5 p. m., in his 58th year. During the latter part of last week Mr. Simpson was suffering from a cold, but thought nothing of it. Saturday he was unable to leave his bed and symptoms of pneumonia had developed. Saturday night his condition became alarming, and it was feared that he would not survive the night. On Monday he seemed to have revived a little and was quite cheerful. Tuesday, however, he grew gradually worse and passed away about five o'clock. His sudden demise was a surprise to his many friends.

Mr. Simpson had always a pleasant word and his agreeable ways made him friends without number. For a man who never sought public honors, he was as well known as any other business man in the city. Born near Louisville, this county, in 1843, he spent his boyhood there, coming to Chatham to live when he was about 12 years old. He embarked in the grocery business in the sixties in the store now occupied by Thomas Nichol.

About 1880 he bought out F. J. Gillett's grocery business in North Chatham, and for the past 20 years or more has carried on a large and flourishing business on Baldwin St. Some seven or eight years ago he purchased the brick store on the corner where he resided at the time of his death. Some 25 years ago he married Miss Kribben, who, with one son, George, survives. Mrs. Geo. Simpson, of Detroit, is a sister, and Geo. Simpson, of McCourt, is a brother. The late Salem Traxler, of Detroit, and the late James Stephens, of Dresden, were uncles. Mr. Simpson was a member of the A. O. U. W., and insured for \$2,000.

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Isaac Gregory and W. Blackburn, of Chatham township, have purchased lot 10, Con. 3, consisting of 100 acres, from Mrs. A. D. Clements.

Electrician F. Hayes has put an electrical time detector in the Wm. Gray & Sons Co.'s Carriage Works. It checks the movements of the night watchman from floor to floor and shows just where he is at every half-hour of the night.

To-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, the Oddfellows of the city will give an At Home in the I. O. O. F. Temple to their ladies and non-affiliated Oddfellows. All Oddfellows not receiving an invitation will consider themselves cordially invited.

The program will consist of one half-hour reception, from 8 till 8.30. A concert will then take place in the lodge room. After the concert, refreshments will be served in the auditorium. There will also be games and other amusements. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening!

### WILL OPEN TO MORROW

The new store of Douglas & Thornhill will be opened to-morrow as announced elsewhere. This store will be one of the handsomest places of business in Western Ontario, and the new firm extend a cordial invitation to the public to make an inspection of the premises.

### MR. CURRIE'S RESIGNATION.

A meeting of the Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's church S. S. on Tuesday evening, March 27, to consider the resignation of the Rev. Donald Currie, of Wallaceburg, that was presented at the meeting held in Windsor a few weeks ago. The Rev. Mr. Currie has had charge of the Wallaceburg church for the past nineteen years and has had in contemplation a change for some time. The delegates who attended the meeting from his congregation spoke in the highest terms of appreciation of his long and faithful service, and his many friends will regret his departure with feelings of sincere regret. No action was taken and the subject will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Presbytery that will be held the latter part of April.

### THE COURT OF APPEAL

Dismisses the Wallaceburg Case of Peacock vs. Cooper.

Peacock vs. Cooper.—Judgment on appeal by plaintiffs from judgment of Meredith, C. J., after withdrawing the case from the jury. Action by the owners of a farm against the owner of a steam barge for damages for loss of the building on the farm alleged to have been caused by sparks from the barge while pulling a tow up the Chenal Ecarte, a navigable stream adjoining the farm. It was contended that the trial judge erred in ruling that proof of negligence was necessary, and that evidence as to the manner in which the barge emitted sparks and cinders, both before and after the fire, was not admissible to show negligence in the construction or operation of the boat, or of the boat having caused the fire; and that upon the principle and decision in Hilliard vs. Thurston, 9 A. R. 514, the defendant is liable for all loss occasioned by fire communicated by the barge without proof of actual negligence. Appeal dismissed with costs. Wilson, Kerr & Pike for appellants; Fraser & Kerr for defendant.

About seven years ago the same land that is owned by the plaintiff in the above action was occupied by a person by the name of Brown who brought action against Capt. W. D. McCrea for damages on precisely similar grounds and he was awarded five hundred dollars damages. In this case Geo. S. Fraser, of Wallaceburg, acted for plaintiff. Yesterday acting for the defendant he wins again. Truly law is uncertain.

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## BLOWING UP MINES

The Boers Doing Immense Damage Around Dundee.

Pretoria, Monday, March 26.—United States Consul Hay and his secretary have gone to Kroonstadt to make necessary arrangements for United States representation in the Free State.

A despatch from Boer headquarters in Natal announces that the destruction continues of coal mines likely to be useful to the British. The Dundee colliery has been blown up, the machinery has been destroyed and the mine has been rendered useless for three months to come.

According to a despatch from Kroonstadt, Commandant Olivier has joined Gens. Groblaar and Lemmer, and is safe. Gen. Delarey is still sick at Pretoria, but he will proceed to the front Sunday. Trains are frequently leaving with burghers for the fighting line on this side of Bloemfontein.

The Standard and Diggers' News says it learns that Gens. Olivier, Groblaar and Lemmer have arrived at a point sufficiently far north to reveal apprehensions of the possibility of their being cut off. It is expected they will arrive at Winburg in a few days and effect a junction with Gen. Dewet, when the federal position, it is declared, will be formidable against Lord Roberts.

Reports received from the various banks of the republics show that the cash holdings amount to £2,300,000. The War Office has issued another table of British losses, showing an aggregate of 16,652, which does not include 4,001 who have been invalided home.

### Commandant General Joubert.



### GEN. JOUBERT IS DEAD.

Pretoria, Monday, March 26.—Gen. Joubert is confined to his bed and is seriously ill.

Lorenzo Marquez, March 28.—Gen. Joubert is dead.

### CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	65 1/2	67	65 1/2	67
May.	67	68	67	68
July.	67	68	67	68
Corn—Sept.	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
May.	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
July.	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
Oats—Sept.	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
May.	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
July.	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Port—Dec.	12 1/2	12 5/8	11 1/2	12 1/2
May.	11 7/8	12 2/8	11 7/8	12 2/8
July.	11 7/8	12 2/8	11 7/8	12 2/8
Lard—Dec.	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 1/4	6 1/2
May.	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 1/4	6 1/2
July.	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 1/4	6 1/2
Ribs—Oct.	6 5/8	6 6/8	6 5/8	6 6/8
May.	6 5/8	6 6/8	6 5/8	6 6/8
July.	6 5/8	6 6/8	6 5/8	6 6/8

### OSGOODE HALL.

Before Osher, MacLennan, Moss, Lister, J. A.

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### DIVISION COURT SUIT.

At division court yesterday, before his honor Judge Woods, the jury case of Albert Stevens vs. D. R. McGarvin was heard. This was an action to recover the cost of some timber cut by McGarvin's men in Stevens' woods, alleged by the plaintiff to amount to \$200. The defendant offered to settle for \$15, but the offer was refused. The jury gave judgment for \$11.50 without costs. Ward Stanworth acted for the plaintiff, while J. G. Kerr appeared for the defendant.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at The Planet office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be made of magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices.

### F. Marx

REAL-ESTATE EXCHANGE

For sale the superior two story frame house on Elizabeth St., directly back of Mr. Holmes' Victoria Hotel, a splendid Blue Room, Parlor, Kitchen and Summer Kitchen on ground floor and five good sized bedrooms upstairs—there are two lots of ground with a large number of fruit trees such as Apples, Peaches, Plums, Grapes and small fruits. It is a great bargain at \$12,000 and will be sold at once if the owner is about to move to the State of Illinois.

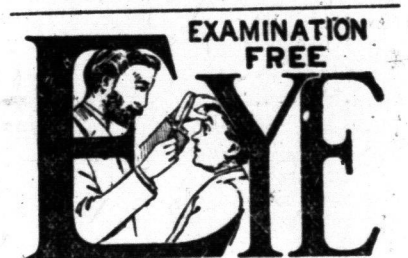
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## WHOLLY UNTRUE.

Mr. Rankin so Characterizes the Banner's References.

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To the Editor of The Planet:

I have read the editorial of The Banner of last evening, under the heading of "Rather Small," and I regret that a greater degree of accuracy was not observed in its build. The references to myself are wholly untrue. When a paper in publishing the statement of the proceeds of the patriotic concert purposely leaves out the special thanks of the general committee of the city of Chatham and scornfully attributes such thanks to an individual whom the editor wanted to strike, and purposely omits from a local on and a quarter of a column more than an editorial of a column being a generous contributor to either the one or the other. It says: "To those who are familiar with the whole case, and who have watched the vindictive animosity exhibited towards the Banner, it is not hard to recognize the author of The Planet's article." The general impression is that this means your humble servant. If it does, then I shall satisfy the public that it is harder to recognize than the above quotation would lead them to suppose. If the Banner can get one respectable citizen to prove that I had anything to do, directly or indirectly, in any way, shape or manner, with the article of "Rather Small" in The Planet, I shall cable to each of the seven boys from Kent the sum of \$100, the same to be credited to the other donations of the Banner. Accept the offer or apologize.

Yours truly,

J. B. RANKIN.

Chatham, March 28, 1960.

### THE GOLF CLUB

The Golf Club held its annual meeting last night at the Hotel Garner. There were present, Dr. McKeough, George Manney, H. B. White, B. E. Fleming, Mrs. G. T. McKeough, and Misses M. Fleming, K. O'Hara, L. Gemmill and B. B. Rose. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Judge Bell. President, S. J. Sutherland. Vice-President, Geo. Manney. Sec'y/Treas., W. E. Riepin.

A ground committee was also appointed, consisting of Mrs. J. B. Thomas, Mrs. G. T. McKeough, Mrs. James Scott Gray, Miss Marion Fleming, Miss Rose, and Messrs. J. E. Thomas, H. B. White and J. Fleming. The meeting was very enthusiastic and the season promises to be highly successful. Play will be resumed as soon as the weather permits and the grounds can again be put in shape.

Barriester Charles Macdonald, of Chatham, has been appointed crown prosecutor to conduct the criminal business at the Bradford assizes, to be held there in April 17th, before Mr. Justice Falconbridge.

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