## The Planet

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THE TRAMP NUISANCE.

With the advent of cold weather the vagabond army begins to concentrate in and about the larger towns and cities. During the warm days of summer those gentlemen of leisure paid their respects to the farming community, ever sure of a meal and a place to rest at night.

But cold weather they dislike just as much as they do cleanliness, and hence the tramp gravitates citywards or takes up his winter quarters in some comfortable jail, A few weeks more and they will honor the Maple City with their presence, althoughbe it known-Chatham is no longer to them a "soft layout," to use an expression of their own. But, despite laws prohibiting the soliciting of alms on the streets and the commendable vigilance of our energetic police force, it is carried on to a large extent. One has only to visit the outlying residential thoroughfares to see the professional beggars plying their trade. And many make more than the average honest working-man. The earnings of an "industrious" mendicant are said to run all the way from 50 cents to \$2 a day, Very seldom is it less than the former or more than the latter. But this is not all, for they manage to get enough to eat and the money more than keeps them in drink, while the Police Station assures them of a bed, provided they can pocket their repugnance to the cleansing process, which all must go through preparatory to returing. How best to deal with these pariahs

is a problem that seems almost as far from a satisfactory solution as it was ten years ago. Tramping as a "profession" in this country dates from about the close of the United States civil war. It has been steadily increasing ever since, until to-day the vagabond army is numbered not by hundreds, but by tens of thousands. They have well defined routes on which they travel. Certain railways are patronized more than others as being easier "worked," and the same holds good of certain cities and towns. At one time this city of churches was one of the easiest worked in the province, but since the more stringent methods adopted by Chief Young and his officers, it has been by no means such a "soft snap." This is well and there is pro pect, The Planet believes, of a further reduction in the near

Dr. Holland, in an article in Scribner's Monthly some years ago, said of the tramp: "He has no more rights than the sow that wallows in the gutter or the lost dog that hovers round the city squares. He is no more to be considered in his wishes or his will in the settlement of the question as to what is to be donle with him than if he were a bullock in a corral." But although many endorse the opinion of that writer, there are others who do not go quite so far, but believe that many tramps may be reclaimed, and for that reason they should not be dealt with too harshly. But before anything can be done to abate this terrible nuisance, the cause of it must be thoroughly investigated and understood. And this is by no means so easy as one might at first suppose.

### A BOMB-SHELL.

Yesterday's Mail and Empire contained an open letter by H. H. Cook, ex-M. P.,-a Liberal of the Liberals-which every Canadian, Grit or Tory, ought to read and ponder over. Mr Cook has no axe to grind; he is not leaving his party; he has had no personal cause for resentment against his party leaders; he is not a disappointed office seeker; he has asked for no favors; he will not join the Conservative party. His letter is the plain states ment of an honest man, written with the hope of opening the eyes of the good men of his party and showing how they are drifting rapidly away from Liberal principles and from the principles of honor and honesty, It is written by a man who keenly feels the rapid degeneration of his party, and hopes to rescue at least some brands from the burning. It is written in sorrow, not in angelr, by one who feels it to be his duty as an honest man, and as a man who has during his whole public career, been one of the strongest supporters of the Liberal party, and one of the strongest fighters for the Liberal principle which have been trampled under food by the present party leaders.

Mr. Cook's letter is a far-reaching and thorough exposure of the hypocrisy, mendacity and reckless wastefulness of the Laurier-Tarte government. Coming as it does from a Liberal of the Liberals it carries weight which the statements of political enemies lack, and which must recommend it to all as a fair and truthful statement of the condition of affairs exist ing at Ottawa

Mr. Cook is well known in Canada as a zealous Liberal. He was defeated in East Simcoe last election. In 1882 and 1887 he was successful in the same riding. He remains a Liberal and therein is the value of his criticism of the government. His letter is a history of the shortcomings of his party, as seen I

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directed by a plebiscite.

To diminish the cabinet.

To lower the outlay on superannuation account. To abolish the department of trade

and commerce. To abolish the senate.

Smith and Clancy!

Quite so, Mr. Tarte, Nov. 7 will do

Kent is expecting every elector to do his duty.

Wonder why Tarte didn't make it

"Thirty days is as good as cash." submits the Hamilton Spectator.

Manhood Suffrage Registration opens on Monday. Do not fail to re-

The Liberal-Conservative party goes into the present campaign stronger and better organized than ever before, and perfectly united and eager for the fray. The Planet looks confidently for the victory of Mayor T. A. Smith and his colleagues all along the line. Meanwhile let the Conservatives of Kent work earnestly and energetically for the intervening period to polling day. Then we will all shout.

There appears to be a determination on the part of The Planet to convey the impression that Ald. Stephens may retire before polling day.-The

Our contemporary is under a misconception. The Planet's impression, which is a most definite one, and one which it has no objection to conveying even to its misguided cotem, is that Ald. Stephens will retire after .polling day. What this journal has been suggesting is that it might be more graceful and pleasant for that candidate to do the inevitable now.

### BABY PULL-BACKS

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The electors are again reminded hat they are now having their innings. It is open season for pledgebetrayers and promise-breakers, and it lasts till 5 o'clock on Wednesday, Nov. 7. There are no limitations on the amount of game bagged, and independent electors are everywhere going gunning.

The announcement of the forth, coming visit of Lieut,-Col. Holmes to Chatham brings the re-organization of the Kent battalion to a focus. The project is a splendid one for our couny and will receive the most generous and vigorous support. To Major J. B. Rankin, whose earnest efforts are responsible for the re-organization, the thanks of the entire community are

Has anyone heard of that sometime great Tory champion, Robert Birming-ham, lately? Where is he lurking and what does he propose to do?—Ottawa Free Press.

We learned from the Free Press and other Grit papers, pithily remarks the Hamilton Spectator, that he proposed to annihilate the Tory party by telling of all the wickedness it had done through his instrumentality. doesn't the Free Press get him to trot his story out?

The suggestion is respectfully submitted to the Chatham post-office authorities for a better arrangement for service at the general-delivery offices. At the noon and factory closing hours, the crush is so great that applicants are oftimes compelled to wait for a considerable time for their letters, and generally submitted during the same to the crowding and sometimes rather roughenly conduct of the loiterers. Few cities have a more courteous and obliging post-office staff than has Chatham, but is there not some way in which the annoyance alluded to can be-to an extent, at leastabated?

By the recent reorganization of the Macaulay Club, Chatham is reminded of the obligation which is owing to this educative and entertaining coterie. Not a few of the Maple City's most acceptable civic administrators, successful business men and intelligent and progressive citizens owe much of their public proficiency to the admirable training received within the precincts of this organization. The Macaulay Club has been established for many years, it has a definite mission to young men, and is performing it nobly.

The interview with Barrister Geo. G. Martin-who, by the way, was selected at the recent local "Reform" caucus to represent one of their campaign ward committees at their convention-not only furnishes interesting and edifying reading matter, but is punctured throughout by probing, pungent points, well worthy of earnest consideration at the hands of the electors, and that rarest of mental commodities, clear common sense. The Planet presents his stern arraign ment of the late government, without comment. Mr. Martin has been a lifelong member of the Liberal party and his energetic and honest utterances thus carry a weight and significance in many respects much greater than the most caustic criticism of an avow-

#### FAIR WARNING. Hailton Spectator.

We may mention, for the benefit of hose who dislike to read politics, that these columns are liable to contain more or less political allusions during the next 30 days.

> KEEP YOUR EYE ON HIM. Winnipeg Telegram.

Mr. Sifton's Brandon organ refers to Hugh John Macdonald as "the Brandon Broneho." That is not so bad. Just watch him buck Clifford Sifton out of

MAY MAKE THEM HOMESICK. London News.

Those Boers who are said to be g ing to make their home in Dakota will feel perfectly at home there when the first cyclone strikes them. It will remind them of Bobs and Buller and those other whirlwinds.

IS A COMER.

Hamilton Herald. According to Lord Strathcona Chamberlain is "the whole thing" in Britain just now. However there is a young fellow named Salisbury who is said to be quita a promising politician and may yet be heard of yet.

A PERTINENT QUERY.

Hamilton Herald, Independent. Mr. Tarte says he was misreported in Paris. Then why doesn't he induce his sons' paper La Patrie, which reprinted his Paris speeches, to point out wherein it did him injustice ?

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At "ocean laundry" is an experi-ment, first to be tried on the steam-ship New England, of the Dominion Line. The usual practice with an ocean liner is to allow its own laundry to assume large proportion somewhere down in the hold, while the soiled linen of its passengers becomes an in-dividual care and trouble until the end

of the voyage. The passenger will now give his linen to the steward, and from the laundryman below, in a few hours, it will be returned to him fresh and clean. The new plant will handle on an average of 7,000 pieces of linen a day, with the capacity for doing the entire washing for about 800 people. It will be as complete as a laundry on shore. The plant has a daily consumption of fifty barrels of soap and twenty barrels of starch.

One item is the use of 4,000 gallons of water per day, which is cond on the ship by special apparatus. The machinery of the plant consists of a large steam mangle and washing and ironing machines. Napkins and tow-els can be "fed" to the mangle machine at the rate of 4,000 pieces an hour. There are two large washing machines, which, by skilful manipulation, can turn out linen, well wash-ed and wrung out, to the number of 10,000 pieces a day.

Washing is the first consideration in the process of laundry work, and the successful results from these machines are assured. Appliances include those for starching properly and to suit in-dividual tastes. One of the most dif-ficult operations of the laundryman is iroring. In the machines which have

rovided however, this part of k may be done with entire satn. One machine is capable of ironing from \$,000 to 10,000 collars and cuffs a day, to say nothing of oth-

Secret of Helty Green's Success Hetty Green was recently induced o talk to a writer for the Ladies' Home Journal of her business methods that have won her sixty millions of dollars or more. The secret of her success is worth knowing: "I don't believe in speculation as a rule, she says, 'and I don't speculate as much as people think. When offered so many shares of stock at so much I buy one share and then send out to see what it will bring. If it's a good advance I buy the rest. If not, I don't, This was my plan when I used to deal in horses. I would get a day's option on a horse, and see what it would bring before buying it. I attribute my success chiefly to the rule of always buying when every one wants to sell, and selling when every one wants to buy. There's a price on everything I have. When that price is offered I sell. I never buy anything just to hold on to it. Not much! And try to steer clear of Wall street. Any one who hasn't a whole fortune to back his deals had better do the I do everything with all my mind. If there is a lawsuit on hand I go into every detail of it with my lawyer. It's the same with everything

Internal baths when properly taken are often more essential than external baths. The four avenues of elimination must remain unobstructed if perfect health is to be obtained or retained; thus being free to perform the functions that Nature bas Ladies' Home Journal.

Dr. L. Caze contributes an article on influenza to one of the current French reviews. The modus operandi of the influen-

Grin Microbes at Home.

za microbe is peculiar. It is not the microbe itself that does the harm, but a poisonous liquid it excretes. measure of consolation is afforded by the fact that this poison is even more deletericus to the microbe than to the human being in whom it is deposited, for the microbes end by being de-stroyed by their own exhalations, whereas their victim has many chances of recovery.

The microbe is an egg-shaped thing, but gifted, in spite of its roundness and smoothness, with an extraordi-nary capacity both of adhering to any conceivable surface and for passing from one resting place to another. Its goal is a human nose or mouth, and once in the vicinity of these organs its future is assured, for the mere act of breathing is sufficient to draw it in

to the system. Arrived there it propagates itself with amazing rapidity. It lengthens out, and after twenty minutes of this process, it breaks in twain, and there are two fully fledged microbes in the place of one. In twenty-four hours the original invader will, in this way, be surrounded by a progeny of over 16,000,000 of his poison-producing kindred.

In short, the doctors know almost everything about the influenza microbe except an effective method of exterminating it

Rat and Elevator. The greed of one rat caused the fall of a passenger elevator in Minneapolis recently.

Savory as strong cheese is the lubricating oil used on the mechanism of the elevator. On the morning in question one of them climbed to the

oiled pulley above the cage.

Meanwhile four men stepped into
the elevator. Alex. Lundeen, the operator, slammed the door and the car started up.

Before Mr. Rat realized what had happened he was dragged between cable and wheel and his life was

crushed out. His body threw the cable off the wheel. Upward shot the car, and Lundeen realized that it was beyond Tug as he would at the cable the ele-

vator sped to the top of the shaft; where it smashed a wooden platform Lundeen hung to the rope, though it burned the skin off his hands, and this helped to lessen the force of the descent. At the bottom the air cushion caused the car to rebound to the first floor and then subside. oor and then subside.

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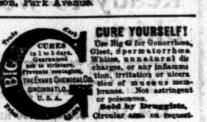
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