

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

A BETTER POLICY THAN CANADA'S.

In the detailed statement of the receipts of the United States for the last fiscal year are two items which, in view of the railway policy we follow, are of especial interest to us. One of these is an item of \$821,897.70, and represents a repayment from the Kansas Pacific Railway Company of money advanced by the Government to aid in its construction. The other item is one of \$3,338,016.49, and represents a repayment by the Central Pacific Railway of a similar advance. The United States never donated a cent of money to aid in railroad building. For all the money it advanced it took bonds to secure the amount of the loan and interest thereon. It has already received back over \$60,000,000, and the whole of the remainder, except about \$2,500,000, is fully secured. The railroads that received this aid from the United States Government were built at a time when it cost about three times as much to construct and equip railroads as it costs in Canada to-day, yet we are told by the statesmen, who vote subsidies by the million every session, that if we insisted on taking security for the amount advanced no railroads would be built. To this a sufficient answer is that any railroad that can never make enough to pay the cost of construction had better not be encouraged.

POLITICAL FEELING IN THE WEST.

Mr. Scott, the Liberal candidate who defeated Nicholas Flood Davin in Assinibois, has already announced that he will pursue an independent course at Ottawa. He has followed this statement up with an article in the Regina Leader, of which he is the editor. In this article he states that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will make a grievous mistake if he accepts the verdict of the Territories, which returned four Liberals, as a token of complete satisfaction with his Administration. Hundreds of men, he says, who voted the Liberal ticket are far from satisfied with the four years' record of the Government. In voting for Laurier, he declares, they chose what they believed to be the lesser of two evils. "At all events," he continues, "the North-west has now said, 'Give Laurier another chance to complete the work he has partially done—eliminate the principle of protection and bring the tariff down to a purely revenue basis, give relief from railway monopoly, and bring the lands owned by railway corporations under taxation. The North-west wants further tariff reductions. We demand that all lands held by railways or other corporations be speedily patented and made taxable.'"

This is the language of a Liberal member of Parliament, and, coming from such a source, gives a forecast of trouble if the administration delays longer in fulfilling its original pledges.

THE "MACHINE" IN AUSTRIA.

As the election "machine" at its best Canadian must go farther afield than West Elgin or West Huron. In Austria they have a machine worth hugging. At Czarnowice in Galicia the election the other day was only announced late in the evening before polling day. Eight electors went to the polls and unanimously elected four supporters to the local government. At Zaskowice the same thing was done. At Myskowice the returning officer arrived unexpectedly and sent out a order to drum up the voters. All who were prepared to vote according to the returning officer's wishes were admitted to the polls, qualified or not. The others were refused the privilege of the franchise. Only one man was arrested and that was for protesting against the official method of stuffing the list. Schodnia, which according to the census has a population of six thousand, is entitled upon that basis to elect twelve members to the electoral college. But as the electorate is badly tainted with socialistic heresies, the Prefect has public spiritedly declared the population to be fifteen hundred, thus cutting down the representation to three members.

Of course, people will be found who would grumble at being hanged. The Austrian system is just as effective as the Canadian and the electors are not bribed or impersonated and the duties do not have to switch ballots. It is less demoralizing and "gets there" just the same.

The subjects of the Emperor Francis Joseph seem, however, to take more kindly to official control than do British subjects generally. A week or two ago in Vienna, an infantry captain tried to get into an omnibus already full—the omnibus was mean. The conductor requested the officer to get off and an altercation followed which reached a climax when the gallant captain called the conductor a "rhinoceros." Instead of calling the captain something between a hippopotamus and a lobster, as any well conducted driver in Chatham would have

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If You Are In Doubt

As to what to buy for Xmas gifts, let us help you by showing you our fine assortment of suitable goods.

Perrin's Kid Gloves, ladies or gents.
Handkerchiefs, 2c to \$1.00.
Dress Patterns, all prices.
Applique Table Centers and D'Oylies.

Ties and Mufflers, 25c up.
Sterling Silver and Ebony Articles 25c each.

Dolls, all kinds and qualities 12½c to \$4.00.

Will be pleased to show you these goods whether you buy or not.

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Some, the Vienna conductor just put his retort in the form of a conundrum. "If I am a rhinoceros, what are you?" The officer instead of replying "A cowardly cad," which was obviously the right answer, drew his sword and slashed at the conductor's head, and managed to wound the man in the arm. A telegram from Vienna says "great indignation is felt at the affair." We are not told whether the conductor has been put under arrest.

The southern sidewalk on King street last night was again impassable with tobacco juice. Something has to be done about this; it is intolerable that many citizens have to change their routes on account of the filthy habits of a few. People who squirt tobacco juice on the sidewalk come under the law. They are committing a nuisance, and there is no reason in the world why a few of them should not be prosecuted as an example.

CONSUMPTION

is, by no means, the dreadful disease it is thought to be—in the beginning.

The trouble is: you don't know you've got it; you don't believe it; you won't believe it—till you are forced to.

Then it is dangerous.

Don't be afraid; but attend to it quick—you can do it yourself, and at home.

Take Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil, and live carefully every way.

This is sound doctrine, whatever you may think or be told; and, if heeded, will save life.

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Cook's Cotton Root Compound
Is successfully used monthly by over 100,000 ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, 50c. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Where the government finds a combine to exist it has the power to strike off the duty which affords the combine protection. It is years since that power was conferred, and the country is full of combines, yet the first blow against them has never yet been struck. In the matter of starch, the Toronto Sun points out that the wholesale price in Toronto is 3 to 3 1/2 cents per lb.; in Philadelphia 11-4 to 11-2 cents. The duty on starch coming into Canada is 1 1/2 cents a pound, and the starch combine here take the fullest advantage of it. Then there is the tobacco combine, the oil monopoly, the paper combine, and so on. There is plenty of material for good work if the government only has the courage to take head of it.

No Tory should be appointed to a job as long as there is a Grit to fill it.—Cornwall Freeholder.

Could you name any Tory appointed to office by a Grit Government?—London Free Press.

The Planet personally knows of a case, and a rather amusing one and creditable to the M. P. concerned. There was a postoffice vacancy in a place it is not necessary just now to mention. The M. P. sat down one day and wrote two letters. He may have written more but he certainly wrote two. One was to a Liberal, asking him to suggest somebody for the vacancy. The other was to a Conservative upon a different subject. The letters got into the wrong envelopes, and the Conservative received the one asking him to make the postoffice nomination. He knew, of course, it was a mistake, but promptly wrote back suggesting a suitable person of his own political stripe. The M. P. got the letter, saw the joke was on him, and had the appointment made.

AN APPOINTMENT FOR EDWARD BLAKE.

Montreal Star.

The appointment of Hon. Edward Blake to the position of Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee in the British House of Commons, is not only a high compliment to the ability of a Canadian as a parliamentary lawyer. It is also an intimation that it is not anticipated having any organized obstruction from the Irish Home Rulers. The position to which Mr. Blake has been appointed is equivalent to that of Deputy Speaker in Canada. He is not there, when the House is in committee, and all the powers of the Speaker while he is acting. It would therefore fall to his lot, at times, to discipline his fellow Home Rulers, if they were obstructing, apply closure and use the various other means devised for fighting obstruction. His acceptance is some proof that the members of the party he belongs to will settle down to assist in carrying on the business of the country, and do not intend to obstruct.

The Easy Method.
"Oh, pa! I know how to make a sin!"
"How, Tommy?"
"Why, I'll get up a lot of eclipses and make 'em come off somewhere where they ain't visible."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Confusion of Sentiments.
"My dear George, if you keep on praising yourself you will surely rouse my jealousy."
"My dear Jane, you don't know the difference between jealousy and envy."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Fair Trial.
"I understand you've been condemned," gurgled the river as it flowed along.
"Yes," replied the rickety old bridge wearily, "and I suppose I was tried by my peers."—Philadelphia Press.

For Luck.
"Dat's a queer hoo shoe over your door, Mr. Johnson."
"Hoo shoes is out of style; dat's a automobile tire."—Chicago News.

Money and the Man.
Money is more apt to make the man, socially, if the man's grandfather, rather than himself, made the money.—Detroit Journal.

The Root of All Evil.
A peculiar thing about wealth is that when you own too much of it it owns you.—Smart Set.

Obedient Johnny.
Teacher—Spell "wrong," Johnny.
Johnny—E-o-u-g.
Teacher—You knew that isn't right.
Johnny—Course it ain't. You told me to spell wrong.—Chicago News.

Always Taking Chances.
"Sprinkle in an inveterate gambler."
"Yes, I understand that he has been married several times."—Detroit Free Press.

The Surest Way.
She—Did she accept you the first time you asked her to be your wife?
He—Both—You're a Statesman.

A Chance for Valor.
"Say, you're a healthy cowboy! Why don't you turn and smite him to the devil with yer trusty bowie?"—New York World.

Minard's Liniment Cures Gargat in Cows.

Gordon's Christmas Chimes

Christmas is at hand again with its unselfish happy plannings, merry whispered secrets, sly dodging to quite corners, smiles upon smiles and smothered laughter, snatches of old songs, fat mysterious stockings, trees blazing with glory, hearts dancing with love, eyes shining with joy, yet sometimes filled with memories' tears—such is Christmas. Presents for the boys and girls, and the blessed babies, sweet sixteens, big brothers and sweethearts, for fathers and mothers, dear old grand-mas and grand-pas, uncles, aunts, cousins and old batchelors—Cheer them every one with a present from our large stock and our low prices.

MISS CATHCART

For Xmas trade will sell Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at ½ and ¾ off. Widow's Dress Caps for presents. Tips and Wings at ½ price.

Waist Silks and Silk Waists

A table of fancy silks, reg. values 38c, 40c, 50c and 60c per yd. 25c
20 pcs. fancy waist silk, reg. value 75c and \$1, at per yd. 50c
SILK WAISTS, MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES of fine taffeta silk waists, ½ reg value, a beautiful Xmas Box sure.

Handkerchiefs

Children's colored bordered, 2c to 5c
Ladies' plain hemstitch and lace bordered, 5c to 12c
Ladies' initial cambric handkerchiefs, 12c
Ladies' initial linen handkerchiefs, 12c to 25c
Ladies' fancy lace handkerchiefs from 25c to \$1.25
Gents' Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 15c
Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs, from 15c to 25c
Gents' Hemstitch Linen Handkerchiefs, from 15c to 25c
Gents' Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, at 25c
Gents' Initial and Hemstitch Silk Handkerchiefs, from 25c to 50c

Purses, satchels, shopping bags, chatelaine bags, chain purses, etc.
Ladies' Belts, everything in this line you can desire from 25c to \$1.
Hose supporters, garters, elastic notions.

Specials

Combs—Pompadour combs, side and back combs, fine and coarse combs, hair and tooth brushes.
Belt buckles, scarf and hat pins, brooches, cuff buttons, etc.
Wide fancy ribbons for belts, cushion frills, babies' ties, etc., per yd., 10c.
Ladies' bonnets, hoods, tucks, tans, etc., from 25c to \$1.75
Dolls—handsome dolls, 5c, 9c, 25c

William Gordon...

SOLE AGENTS—STANDARD PATTERNS

STRUCK NATURAL GAS

New Presbyterian Church at Turin is Heated and Lighted by it.

The new Presbyterian Church, which was most successfully opened at Turin last Sunday, is very fortunate in respect to fuel for heating and lighting. Neither cost the good people of the congregation a cent. They have a natural gas well in their own yard, from which they get any quantity of gas. This gas was struck at a depth of only 70 feet, the greater part of the boring being through dry blue clay. There is no danger of the supply giving out, because the public school and several farmers in the neighborhood have been using the gas for years without in the least affecting the pressure.

The new church has been erected at a cost of \$4,800, all of which has been paid up or subscribed with the exception of \$500. It will therefore be free of debt and in a flourishing condition.

The edifice itself is most modern, with lead glass windows, circular pews, furnace, gas, etc. The church proper will seat 270 people, but by throwing open the folding doors connecting the class-room and organ its capacity will be doubled if necessary. This was done at the opening services.

vices and the edifice and adjacent class rooms were crowded to their utmost capacity. On Sunday, besides the popular and energetic pastor, Rev. John McInnes, there were Rev. Mr. Drummond, B. D., of St. Thomas, and Rev. James Argo, of Duart. The former took the morning and evening services, while Mr. Argo preached in the afternoon.

On Monday evening there was a social, at which the pastor presided. The speakers were Rev. G. Munro, of Ridgeway; Rev. T. George, pastor of the Methodist Church at Highgate, and Rev. D. Robertson, of Etobicoke. The choir of the Highgate Methodist Church furnished excellent music. Robert Hogg, treasurer, read the financial statement, showing, as mentioned above, the cost of the building to be a little over \$4,800. Everybody was very congratulatory and a most pleasant evening was spent.

All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Rispin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic, and will give best possible rates.

A wise man changes his mind, but a fool never.

South American Nervine tones the nerves, stimulates digestion, all essential to perfect health. In no case has its potency been put to severer test than that of W. H. Sherman, of Morrisburg, Ont. He says: "I was completely run down, nerves all agog, stomach rebelled at sight of food, constant distress and generally debilitated. Four bottles made me a well man.—116 Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham.

"I suppose that the weather man is the champion for unfulfilled predictions," said Spitta.
"I see you never read a cook book," added Kosdick.

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Mayoralty

To the Electorate of the City of Chatham

Ladies and gentlemen:
I am a candidate for mayor for 1901, and I respectfully ask for your vote and influence.
Faithfully yours,
W. E. McKEOUGH.
Chatham, Ont., 19th Nov. 1900

ALDERMAN.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for 1901 and if my past services has met with your approval I once more ask for your support. Thanking you for past favors I am,
Yours respectfully,
A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of This City.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for this city for the year 1901, your votes and influence are respectfully solicited. Wishing you will all the compliments of the season, I remain,
Yours etc.,
DAVID A. HUTCHISON.

ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of Chatham.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the urgent request of several representative citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901.
I would like your support.
Yours, W. F. SMITH.
Barrister.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
It is my intention to again offer my services as Alderman for 1901. I trust that my record as alderman during 1896 and 1897, and as chairman of the finance committee in the latter year is such as to entitle me to your confidence. If elected, I will, as before, strive to look after the city's interests to the best of my ability, and I respectfully solicit your support.
Yours faithfully,
S. B. ARNOLD.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for the office of School Trustee. Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited.
R. M. PAXTON.

To the Electors of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again offering myself as a candidate for the position of reeve for the coming year. I thank you for the splendid support you have given me in the past, and I trust that I may still retain your confidence, by an honest endeavor while in office to guard your interests, and if again elected I will put forth my very best efforts to guard your interests honestly and impartially. Thanking you for past favors and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am yours faithfully,
E. B. TOLLE.

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J. Piggott & Sons have on hand a large and well assorted stock of fence posts which they are selling at lowest prices.

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Park Lot 4, Park Avenue, 10 acres on which there is a large residence with all modern improvements, a conservatory and grapeery, extensive stabling and outbuildings, orchards and ornamental park grounds, garden and forest garh.
Part of lot 9 O. S. adjacent to the post office, having a front on King street, of 27 feet more or less, also Part of lot 33 O. S. fronting on Fourth street, and adjacent to the Rankin House, on which there is a double tenement brick building.
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A DRAWBACK TO AMITY.

Judge—Well, Mrs. Joppe, what fault have you to find with your husband?
Mrs. Joppe—Now, Judge, it's this way; he's awful good and kind, but he's so pesky unmanly!