

## The Planet

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## THE KING STREET PAVEMENT.

A large majority of the property owners on King street have petitioned against a new pavement, and this petition will block the work. The petitioners in their petition to believe that the present pavement, with some repairs each year, is good enough. Would they take the same ground if the city itself had proposed to pay the cost of that pavement? The property owners on King street have been well treated by the municipality. The street has been more than once paved and the value of their property enhanced at the public expense. While the whole city paid for the work those directly benefitted were willing to submit to the improvement. Now that they are asked to remove a public eyesore they balk at a few dollars' expense.

The petition practically states that the signers desire it to be repaired at the general expense until such time as the law is changed, and they can shoulder a portion of the cost of paving the thoroughfare on the rest of the community. Anyone who expects this to happen is deluding himself and, we may add, himself, too. The action of the petitioners in obstructing this work has killed any chance there was of the city assuming a portion of the cost. Every line of this petition breathes of selfishness. No section of the taxpayers have been more pampered than those along King street. They have always got the lion's share of everything going. The outlying taxpayer has had to fight for the slightest favor. His taxes in times gone by were taken to build sidewalks and sewers in the center of the city and pavements on King street. All these have been kept up at the expense of the community. Every public department considered the welfare of King street first. In the matter of lighting, fire and police protection it has always been thoroughly looked after no matter what other section went without. The city kept men to scrape the snow from its gutters and the mud from its pavements. And now it refuses even to lay a pavement for them to keep clean.

The smaller taxpayers have felt all this for years, but have contented themselves with simply doing a little grumbling. Was it wise for these petitioners to provoke this feeling further under the circumstances? The pavement is needed. The city council has waited years for the ratepayers to act themselves. They have done nothing. Forced at last to action the council finds itself obstructed with a petition containing an intimation that the King street property owners, not satisfied with past favors, intend, if possible, to shoulder off a portion of this coming expense on the public at large. It will hardly do.

## A MILLION DOLLARS FOR GOOD ROADS.

The announcement made by Premier Ross to a deputation that the Ontario Government is prepared to spend \$1,000,000 annually during the next ten years toward the improvement of the country roads will be received with great satisfaction throughout the Province says the Globe. After bountiful crops, there is no advantage to the farmer comparable with good roads. The question is one of transportation pure and simple so far as the farmers are concerned, and the justice of the proposed expenditure by the government cannot be questioned. Ontario has granted generous aid to the railways of this Province, the centres of population necessarily deriving the greatest advantage accruing from the policy in that respect, while the rural districts, the farming sections of the province, were left to worry along with such roads as could be secured by the system of statute labor, which has proved inadequate to the necessities of the case.

The farmers of the country contributed largely to the aid which Ontario granted to the railways, but the advantages which the farmers derive from the railways, must, in many cases, be lessened if they are unable to conveniently reach the railway stations owing to the poor state of the country roads. The advantage of good roads to the farmer will be denied by no one. The saving in many ways that results from good roads is obvious. Transportation facilities for the removal of produce to market materially enhance the market value of that produce and good roads will bring higher prices for all the farmer has to sell, while the saving in wear and tear on vehicles, etc., that results from good roads is no unimportant item, it being a well-established fact that the businesses of the blacksmith and the harness-maker always thrive better when located in a section where the country roads are notoriously bad, than they do in localities where the roadways have received proper attention. With good country roads, having approved gradients, a farmer can convey with a team of horses from 25 to 50 per cent. more produce, and with less strain on the

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**Bowel Trouble.**—My mother, Mrs. John Ried, suffered with bowel trouble for four years and tried different doctors, but obtained no relief until she began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Three bottles of this medicine entirely cured her. LIZZIE RIED, Tracy Station, N. B.

**Scrofula.**—An abscess on my hip was lanced and never healed. Another broke out on the other hip and the next year three more appeared. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and it helped me. Since taking six bottles of the medicine I have not been troubled, and previous to this treatment one of the eruptions had discharged for seven years. MISS ELEANOR H. TREN, Freepoint, N. S.

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animals than would be possible under present circumstances on the average country roads of this province.

Under the system of statute labor much energy has been wasted and money thrown away. According to data collected by the Ontario Bureau of Statistics, 1,100,000 days are spent annually in this province in keeping the country roads in "order." In addition to that, municipal councils are obliged, in order to keep their roads in a passable condition, to spend from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year, which equals a total annual expenditure for the whole of Ontario of \$3,500,000. In the past ten years the people of Ontario have spent, according to Mr. Campbell, who has done much in the cause of good roads, 11,000,000 days of labor and \$35,000,000 in cash. The results have been unsatisfactory. The people have not been getting the value for the labor and money expended, and it is time for improvement in the system. The State of Massachusetts pays three-quarters of the cost for good roads; New York pays one-half, and New Jersey pays one-third, the counties in the last named state paying the other two-thirds, except that the property along the improved highways pays 10 per cent. of the cost of improving them. New Jersey appropriates \$100,000 a year for this purpose, and some other states more, the appropriations reaching as high as \$500,000 yearly. The idea is for the provincial government to pay two-thirds of the cost of improving country or trunk roads, and keeping them in order, and to have the funds that will be saved to the counties by this aid devoted to improving the condition of the side line or township roads.

## FIGHTING JOE'S TRIUMPH.

In no Canadian province has there yet arisen more peculiar political complications than are now developing in British Columbia, the present Premier

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being "Fighting Joe" Martin, late of Manitoba, and the most interesting political figure in the west. He came to the province some three years ago, determined at that time to keep out of politics and devote himself to his law practice. Soon, however, a political campaign presented itself. At the general election of 1898, Martin was forced to the front by the then Opposition, and with them won. He at once aspired to the premiership, but was outwitted by Semlin, of Yale, and finally accepted the portfolio of Attorney-General, while he dominated and decided the Government policy and legislation.

A crisis coming in time, through his contempt for the feelings of his followers, he was kicked out of the party, and, refusing to unite with the Opposition, inaugurated a campaign on his own account, which ended successfully last Friday in the defeat of the Government. Martin meanwhile having sown such seeds among the Oppositionists that they divided their strength, one-half going back on their principles in order to secure a position, while the other section remained staunch but impotent by reason of the desertions. Under the peculiar circumstances the Governor refused to continue his advisers claiming that their position was merely a purchase of oppositionists for the purpose of retaining power.

Martin was then called upon to form a Government, although he has no followers and few friends in the province. By his assertive individuality he is likely to succeed, and it is announced that Smith Curtis, of Rossland, will be Minister of Mines in his Government and W. W. B. McInnes, M. P., son of the Governor, Attorney-General. As soon as the slate is complete, an appeal will be made to the country.

Even when it came to trek Roberts was right in the game.

We must say, some of those names on that anti-pavement petition were a surprise.

Those who don't want a pavement on King street just now may find next year that it's the growing time in the cost of the necessary materials.

The best workers for imperial unity we know of are John E. Redmond, Tim Healey, Mike Davitt and the rest of the home rule gang. They didn't intend it that way, but we imagine their conduct left them few sympathizers in Canada.

There was a great deal of grumbling at the \$300 spent on the street last year on the King St. pavement, but it was quieted by the promise that that was to be the last. This year a new pavement, they said, would be laid. This year has come and the promise is not to be kept. Well, the only thing that the council can do is to let the street go to rack and ruin as it can, the faster the better. If its condition becomes impassable altogether it cannot injure the trade of Chatham any more than it has done already.

## HE EXPECTED AID.

General Croje was Waiting for Help From Detroit

But It Never Came—The Prisoners Think the Blow a Very Severe One.

London, March 3.—A special correspondent, telegraphing from Paardeberg, Feb. 27, says:

"A curious piece of news has just been related to me by Gen. Cronje's aide-de-camp. It appears that Cronje was in daily heliographic communication with Gen. Dewet, who he supposed was bringing up reinforcements. Yesterday Cronje heliographed that unless he was relieved immediately he would feel bound to surrender."

"Gen. Dewet replied with a cheering message, urging him to hold on longer and that he would be relieved, but totally failed to effect any diversion. The prisoners all appear to regard the blow as severer than it is regarded by the British. General Cronje's aide-de-camp stated that he believed the Free States would continue the fight as long as the Transvaal wished. On the other hand, many Free States are anxiously asking for copies of Lord Roberts' proclamation."

Told on Her Return From New York.

A Kansas City woman, whose hair is gray, went to New York recently and took a ride on a trolley car. Both of the side seats of the car were crowded with men. As she stood there, hanging to a strap and swinging and jerking with the motion of the car she observed that all of the men seemed to be entirely hidden behind their newspapers. She thought, as she stood there, that in Kansas City men often rise to give their seats to women. The difference was painful to contemplate. Finally a negro, near the other end of the car, stood up and said:

"Take this seat, lady."

"No," answered the Kansas City Woman, with awful distinctness. "I will not take the seat of the only gentleman in the car."

The newspapers dropped suddenly, and six men jumped to their feet. Apparently they had just seen the gray-haired woman. And she took her choice of seats.

Eat in haste and suffer at leisure. By endurance evils are overcome.



## A BULLET IN THE HEART

Some Conditions That Induce Similar Consequences.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—A bullet in a man's heart causes death. So does a grain of sand, or anything else that should not be there. So with the organs of the human body. Take the bladder for instance. Thousands of persons suffer from the disease known as "Stone in the Bladder," while a lingering death and the agony of thousands more.

That this need not be is proved by the following letter:

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## LITERARY NOTES.

## MOODY'S REMARKABLE LIFE.

We have received a book of much importance at the present time, from The People Publishing Company, Toronto. The book is "The Life of D. L. Moody." The book is attractive, and is well printed on good white paper. Thirty-three pages of illustrations embellish its pages, covering the outstanding features in Mr. Moody's career, home life and religious experience. Its circulation will probably be very large, as Mr. Moody was a powerful influence in Canada, was known here quite as well as across the line, and his was a potent name in thousands of Christian households. The book is published at 25 cents in heavy paper cover, or 50 cents bound in cloth. It is for sale at all bookstores or will be sent postpaid by the publishers on receipt of price. Everyone will want to read the story of the life work of this remarkable man.

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JOHN MCKAY.

## Tenders wanted.

Whole tenders for the erection and completion of the House of Refuge of the County of Essex, will be received up and including Saturday, March 17th, 1900, by Mr. Geo. F. Cronk, chairman of building committee at Leamington. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of A. G. Baker, Leamington, Ont. and at the office of H. J. Powell, Stratford, Ont. Separate tenders both for steam and hot water will be required. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A marked cheque for 25 per cent. of the amount of the contract must accompany each tender, such cheque will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers. Successful tenderer will be required to give good and sufficient bonds for the due performance of the work.

H. J. Powell, Architect

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## Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF Albert Side, the Elder, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, and Province of Ontario, debtor, in boots and shoes. NOTICE is hereby given that Albert Side, the Elder, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent aforesaid, carrying on business thereat as a dealer in boots and shoes, has made an Assignment under R. S. O., 1897, Chapter 147 and the amending Act, of all his estate, credit and effects, to William George Richards, of the City of Chatham, Solicitor, for the general benefit of his creditors.

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AND NOTICE is hereby further given that after the 19th day of March, 1900, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the assets of the Debtor amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

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