

..The Planet..

S. STEPHENSON, - Proprietor.

OUR TELL-TALE ASSESSMENT.

A perusal of the synopsis of the Maple City assessment returns, published in yesterday's issue of The Planet, will bring regret to every patriotic citizen, who has the welfare, progress and prosperity of the community at heart.

But it should also prove an inspiration.

To ponder upon a decreased population, a waning value of property and real estate and increasing taxation can only be edifying if it results in an impetus to personal effort along the lines of public betterment—if it inaugurates an era of universal and co-operative hustling.

The possibilities of Chatham are practically unlimited. They have been repeatedly enumerated. Every one knows them. It only requires an energetic getting together, a concentrated and universal effort on behalf of the city and its future.

Do not let up worry over the figures before us. It will do no good. Let them only be remembered to show the rapid and progressive development that ensues forthwith.

Let us be up and doing.

MR. N. H. STEVENS.

It is oftentimes said that the value of a useful, upright life is only universally recognized upon its departure—that the deserved encomiums that testify appreciation of the citizen who consecrates large stores of energy and effort to public betterment, are only heaped upon him when the sun of his career has set. There is too much truth in the statement. The hearty commendation—an inspiration and an encouragement—is withheld too long—it comes too late—when the sterling qualities are missed and mourned.

There is scope for reform, radical reform, of methods in this respect. Let credit be given where credit is due, let commendation be bestowed wherever merited. The course will redound to our own uplifting, to the encouragement of our colleagues and to the betterment of our community.

Mr. N. H. Stevens, president of the Canada Flour Mills Company, has just turned the twenty-first milestone of his residence in the Maple City. Men of his calibre are too scarce to allow the occasion to be passed over without a word of eulogy and congratulation, of commendation upon his loyal citizenship, of public gratitude for his wholesome, valued and lasting services.

Chatham owes much to Mr. Stevens. With the best interests of the community ever before him he has devoted time and energy to all branches of public service. His generosity to every worthy object and institution has been conspicuous and unlimited. His practical co-operation in all the causes of right and progress has been phenomenal. He has been, in truth, a citizen of whom the municipality is proud and to whom she is profoundly grateful.

The Planet bespeaks Mr. Stevens the city's congratulations upon the 21st anniversary of his adoption of her citizenship, and conveys the sincere hope that he may long be spared to stand amongst her most popular and deservedly distinguished sons.

GENERAL BULLER.

It is reported from London that it is current at the military clubs that Gen. Buller, on the publication of the Official Gazette containing Earl Roberts' report, applied to the secretary of war and demanded an inquiry, says the Hamilton Spectator. It is further said that the war secretary promptly refused, and that Buller thereupon complained to the King, who declined to interfere. We do not believe a word of it. It is not like Buller, the patient bearer of other's burdens, to make complaint of injustice against a superior officer. It is not like Buller to go to the King with his story, having been refused a hearing by the war department. The circumstances in which this fine soldier finds himself are peculiar, and while it must be admitted that he did not obey the order of Gen. Roberts to relieve Ladysmith with that promptness which is expected of every British soldier who receives an order, no matter what his private opinion may be, it is known to the empire that it was Buller's humanity—his love for his men and his desire to spare them as much as possible—which influenced him in making delay, and the people love him for his fault.

Under the circumstances Earl Roberts could not have done or said less than he has done and said; and we think that Gen. Buller will accept the damnation by faint praise he has earned, without making appeal to the war office or to the King. Gen. Buller knows as well as any man wherein he has fallen short of the duty of a British general under pos-

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house is the baby. No matter how many have come before, the latest arrival brings joy to all.

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tive orders, and he knows that the people admire him for that very shortcoming, and we think he will be content with that knowledge.

BLOW AT ASSASSINS.

Now comes another unsummoned scientific gentleman intent on pulling down one of the prettiest theories of our latter day criminal courts, says the New York Telegraph. With a heartless disregard of the feelings of our most sensitive assassins he would pull from under them one of the stoutest props which counsel for the defense have painstakingly wrought and set back the tide of criminal jurisprudence at least ten years, forcing homicidal persons to take up with and time-worn pleas in place of the more modern and pleasing ones which wore at least the outward appearance of the quasi-scientific.

Charles H. Thurling is the name to which this new iconoclast is said to answer. It is contended in extenuation of him that he is the ideal descendant of one George Thurling, purveyor of fruit in the Wallabout Market, and anyone who knows the demoralizing effects of years of communion with oranges and bananas, not to speak of the insidious gober of Virginia, in wholesale or retail quantities, will understand that the son of such a father is not wholly undeserving of sympathy under the stern laws of heredity. The specific offense of Thurling in the present instance is an offensive desire to blot out hypnotism as an excuse for the taking of life. In short, to put the matter bluntly, he affirms—and he has gone so far as to presume to demonstrate for the edification of a company of medical men—that it is impossible for the hypnotist to so control the actions of a subject as to compel him, unconsciously, and, therefore, under the law, safely, to commit a crime of violence.

Of the scientific aspect of the matter it is not necessary to speak at present. Be assured that many eminent professors of the hypnotic art will arise to put to confusion this son of the Wallabout fruit merchant, a controversy looms on the horizon which for warmth will pale into insignificance the fires of a Presbyterian hereafter. The point of interest is the indefensible veracity of Mr. Thurling's assertions. When one realizes how few safeguards the law throws around the man or woman accused of homicide, and how sadly inadequate the supply of murders is when compared to the public demand for them, the course of this self-styled hypnotist in attempting to commit murder in the first degree upon one of the latest and most glorious of defenses, passes the bounds of patience.

It behooves the hypnotists of the country to get together and hurl a subject armed with the most violent of suggestions against this image breaker. It has been contended that the real evil of assassination is not one of quantity, but of direction. It is, unfortunately, the wrong person usually who is killed.

The Chinese troops have not only been driven to the wall, but over it.

The favorite song in the Chinese army to-day is Over the Garden Wall.

We are after good roads in this country; but the Boers are after bad Rhodes.

Preston says he will spend his last dollar on his libel suit against the Ottawa Journal. By the way, whence come his dollars these days? Is he supposed to be earning a salary as an immigration agent?

The Star asks, Is Toronto a market? Better forward the enquiry, enclosing a postage stamp for reply, to G. Austen Winton.

Mrs. Carrie Nation is said to have gone insane. Another warning to those who go up against the booze places.

Cecil Rhodes is said to be coming to London soon to put up the price of diamonds, says the Brockville Times. So long as Cecil doesn't put up the price of coal or groceries the news will not flurry the newspaper circles.

We are told that some one has invented a method of measuring the wind by electricity. It would no doubt be interesting to know how fast it blows, but an electrical contrivance for tempering it to the shorn lamb would be more to the point.

Mr. Krupp, of gun fame, has requested the Sultan to reimburse him for some artillery which he furnished the Sublime Porte. When he becomes better acquainted with Turkey's ruler, doubtless Mr. Krupp will secure his money before delivering the goods.

The city of Glasgow owns the gas, electricity and water furnished to its inhabitants and the prices are reasonable. Now the municipality proposes to control the liquor traffic, and sell pure stuff at low prices and turn the profits into the city treasury.

Agumaldo's rhapsody about the "glorious sovereign banner of the United States" "an irresistible force" and all the rest, suggests powerfully that some enterprising Yank wrote the thing for him after consulting a few Fourth of July orations. Aggie's amanuensis is a whirlwind.

That there is a plot to boost the population of Quebec and reduce the number of Ontario representatives in parliament, must be apparent to every man who can see. All this special endeavor to make the Quebec showing as high as possible is not nothing. There is a very large and particularly healthy African in the woodpile.

A PAIR OF GLASSES.

Chicago News.

The looking-glass reveals our defects to ourselves, but the wine glass reveals them to others.

HORSE INCIDENTALLY.

Woodstock Express.

The big Toronto gown show appears to have been a success. There were also some horses on exhibition.

A DREADFUL PROSPECT.

London News.

The Hamilton Spec man recently coughed up the price of twenty "shapers" to satisfy the finding of a libel suit. Now Mr. Preston threatens to increase the threat of the Ottawa Journal man.

TWO MILLIONS AGAINST ONE.

Toronto News.

"Man is born to trouble as the sparks upward." No sooner had Millionaire Morgan settled down to control the steel output of the world, than two million workmen lay plans to control Millionaire Morgan.

GOOD MR. FISHER.

Montreal Star.

Mr. Fisher does not intend to punish the census enumerators who used the fraudulent schedule in Ontario. It speaks volumes for the honorable gentleman's moderation and impartiality that he is not punishing the enumerators who refused to use it.

IT DOESN'T MATTER MUCH.

Brockville Recorder.

If so many of the small fry hadn't resorted to a piece of the British government loan, we might have taken the whole thing. Never mind, it's only a trifle anyway.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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Notice is hereby given that the above named James Cleave, has made an assignment to us under Chap. 147, R. S. O., 1897, and Amending Acts, of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of his creditors.

A meeting of the creditors of said Insolvent will be held at our office, Victoria Block, Chatham, Ont., on Friday the 3rd day of May, 1901, at two p. m., for the appointment of Inspectors and for giving directions as to the disposal of the estate.

All creditors of said Insolvent are required to file their claims duly verified with me on or before said meeting.

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