### The Planet. 8. STEPHENSON ... ... Proprietor.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1904.

#### THE FOURTH AFFIDAVIT

We have now reached the fourth affidavit produced by Mr. George Stephens in his "absolute and con-clusive proof" of his innocence, It is from Councillor Tompkins, of

Chatham Township, and in full it is

as follows:

1. I was a member of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham in the year 1903.

2. I was present at a meeting held on or about the 13th day of November, 1993, at the office of Mr. N. H. Stevens in the City of Chatham for the purpose of discussing matters rether purpose of discussing matters.

ber, 1903, at the office of Mr. N. H. Stevens in the City of Chatham for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the said Railway Company and the Township of Chatham.

3. There were present at said meeting Hugh Cumming, Reeve of Chatham Township, and Cornelius Purser, Reeve of Dover, and Councillors Peter Crawford, Joseph Lewis and William Boyer, of Dover Township, and N. H. Stevens, Harry Stevens and George Stephens, M. P., of Chatham, and J. N. McKendry and H. L. Dunn of Toronto, and myself.

4. There was a general discussion at said meeting among other things, of the advantages which the said railway would confer on the residents of Chatham and Dover Townships near whose property the road ran and it was stated by several persons present that to any man owning a hundred acre farm, it would be worth from \$100 to \$1,000 to have the railway run near his property. This was not stated secretly but

be worth from \$100 to \$1,000 to nave the railway run near his property. This was not stated secretly but openly and freely in the meeting. 5. The said George Stephens did not at any time make any offer or promise to me to pay \$2.50 or any other sum of money or its equivalent to induce me to support said unother sum of money or its equivalent to induce me to support said undertaking and no such offer or promise was made by him to anyone at said meeting in my hearing and I was not taken aside by the said George Stephens nor did I see him take anyone aside or engage in private conversation at that meeting. All that he said was said openly to the whole meeting so far as I heard and I was there from the opening of the meeting to its close.

6. I remember that Mr. McKendry, one of the promoters of the road, said that the expenses of Chatham Township incurred in passing by-laws or in calling special meetings of the Council would be paid by the promoters, so that they would not be out anything for loss of time or other expenses.

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7. I am positive that Mr. George
Stephens did not say anything in my
presence which could be in any way
construed or understood to be an offer or promise of money or that could be taken to mean anything corrupt or improper.

Now Mr. Tompkins is almost in the same position as Mayor McKeough. He left the meeting in question some time before its completion and consequently was not around to see what Reeve Purser and Councillor Boyer say took place "after the meeting." Is this fact honestly and straightforwardly conveyed in the affidavit produced by Mr. Stephens, or, again, s there an effort to mislead?

Mr. Tompkins says he was not promised \$250 to secure his support in submitting the by-law. Quite true. It is hardly likely that Mr. Stephens would pay a Chatham Township councillor \$250 to submit a \$75,000 bonus by-law to the people of Dover, is it? That's the kind of absurdities that characterize Mr. Stephens' "absolute and conclusive proof."

#### THE LABOR INTERES

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement that public ownership of railways is a populist fad conceived in the iniquity of United States politics and that the Conservative party under Mr. Borden's leadership has become a populist party has created quite a sensation in labor circles. Leaders in the labor movement are plainly stating their disappointment and resentment at Sir Wilfrid's statement. Mr. John A. Flett, Hamilton, Ont., Past President of the Dominion Trades Congress and Organizer in Canada for the American Federation of Labor, says-"Organized labor has proclaimed itself in favour of public owner ship of railways and telegraphs on many occasions. This principle has been adopted as one of the planks in the 'Declaration of Principles of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada' and any party that would favor public operation and ownership, all other things being equal, will receive the approval of the organized working people of this country. Mr. Borden's policy comes nearer filling the bill than that of Sir Wilfrid, the latter gentleman being opposed to Government operation. In my opinion the proper policy to pursue would be to continue the Interncolonial Railway through to the Pacific."

Another who takes exception to the Premier's utterances is Mr. David A. Carey, Toronto. Mr. Carey is known all over Canada as a level headed fair-minded labor representative. He is also past President of the Dominion Trades Congress and is the District Officer of the American Federation of Musicians, representing Canada east of Winnipeg. He says: -"Since the Trades Congress of Cana da at its recent meeting has gone or record in favor of public ownership of

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not only failroads, but all public utilities, I cannot see Tnything for the labor organization to do than to oppose Sir Wilfrid Laurier, since he has declared himself against public ownership. I am personally of the opinion that the labor organization will uphold the party which advocates public ownership of the G. T. P. I can't see why any labor man can vote otherwise when it is considered that the rank and file of the labor movement of this country have always ,on all occasions, approved of the policy adopted by the chief legislative body, the Dominion Trades Congress. Personally, I am strongly in favor of such a policy."

Mr. James Wilson, editor of the Toiler, the labor organ in Toronto, admits that it is hard for working men sometimes to get away from old party affiliations, but as a matter of principle they were bound to support the party that advocated public ownership. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, în his Massey Hall speech, was very înconsistent. He denounced the public operation of railways, yet, almost in the same breath, he commended Government ownership of the telephone and telegraph. "I believe," said Mr. Wilson, "that the working people will support the principle of public ownership."

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It is most important that the men who are to handle the affairs of statecraft should be clean men.

It is easy now to understand why George Stephens is sore at The Planet for not hushing up the whole affair

The Planet is serving the people's interests, Mr. Stephens, not the interests of railroad corporation bonus

There is still time for Geo. Steph ens to resign the Liberal candidacy and allow his political friends to nom-

Up to the time of going to press George Stephens hadn't sent his ambi tious young solicitor to threaten Mr Matthew Wilson, K. C., with a writ "in the high court of justice" for \$5,-000. Mr. Stephens prefers to get af ter the farmers.

After reading the statement of Mr. Matthew Wilson, K. C., it is better understood why George Ste phens was afraid to let Reeve Purser and Councillor Boyer speak at his Dover meetings after specially inviting them by registered letter.

SOLDIER'S SUPERSTITIONS.

Buffalo Courier Among the numerous superstitions of the cossacks there is none stronger than the belief that they will enter heaven in a better state if they are personally clean at the time they are killed. Consequently, before an expected battle they perform their toilets with scrupulous care, dress themselves in clean garments and put on the best they have. This sugges-tion is not confined to the cossacks alone, but is widely prevalent, it is said, in all branches of the Russian

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hands. Detectives rank the pickpockets among the lowest of thieves. But it is certain that more nerve and hardihood are required to pick a pocket in a crowded car than it takes to crack a safe.

A London journalist has just had an interview with a man who was formerly known as some of the most notorious pickpockets in the great metropolis. This man is a reformed "artist" at the game and knew how — in his own words — to "swipe a handkerchief and peel a scarf-pin" before he could read. His deftness as well as boldness made him remarked by experienced thieves.

"If you are looking for excitement," he told his interviewer, "you can get it by trying to peel a fat pocketbook out of a man's inside pocket. It's never failing — there are the goods, and your hand is on 'em, but that second of time when they are being deftly but surely drawn in your direction is a second of strenuous feeling the chills run un and down

direction is a second of strengous feeling, the chills run up and down your back. Will you get off with the purse or be yanked to the lockup? A mere trifle will decide, but while the question is hanging in the balance you never feel that life is one grand, sweet song. The consequences are too tremendous. Either you walk off slowly with a lot of

you walk off slowly with a lot of 'dough' or you are pinched again, And I can tell you this—that I never found any number of human beings that felt sympathy for a pickpocket. They're always ready to kick him.

"Picking pockets is an art, and a man has to be born to it to really make a rood record. To stand in front of a man, just near enough to reach his watch or purse, with right hand behind vou, and take 'emboth without jostling him or interrupting his thoughts requires just as much natural talent and practice as it takes to make a good lawyer. as it takes to make a good lawyer. In the latter case you make more, and one day you may be a judge but a pickpocket is always being suspected, and frequently pinched with the goods on him."

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"What are the rewards of the profession? I tell you, there ain't any. If you pick up real dough out of a pocket—which vou generally don't, for half the wallets are stuffed out, with a condensation of the profession of the professio for half the wallets are stuffed out, with cards and memoranda — the dough don't last mor'n a month or so. If it's jewellery, what do you get? A mere pittance — not one-tenth what it's worth; and it's the same with a watch. Your 'uncle' knows you too well and smile up at him as you may, he will offer a quid or two for a real gold. The only thing you can be sure of is that, sooner or later, you'll be pinched again."

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have nursed a brkoen spirit; felt
the hope of Heaven languish
In my bosom, and have gone my
way with listless tread and
slow;

I have bowed my head all humbly un-der blows of Fate's decreeing; I have felt the clouds of gloom descend and cloak me like a

But I pan;
ut I never knew a sorrow like
that of my youthful being
When I had to mind the baby while the boys were playing ball!

Through the window at my elboy could see them come togeth-Lads from all about the neighbor-

hood, and "choose up" side and side: y air and floods of sunshine spread a golden spell of weath-

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On the landscape as the gathered lads through wet lids I espide.
Ah, the yearning that half led me to forsake the child before me. The madness that raged in me when

I sought to still its squall, The simoon, the strocco, the tornado that swept, o'er me

Of hot wrath when I kept baby and the boys were playing ball!

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mark our rival's fall;
But, ah, my joy, how tempered with
heart's unconquered sadness;
For I was minding baby while the
boys were playing ball!

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