

## The Daily Planet

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### A GROWING TIME.

The public accounts for last year, as brought down in the house a few days ago, showed a general increase in expenditure in nearly every department, a large number of public buildings under construction in Ottawa and elsewhere involving large future outlays, there are increases both in the salaries and the number of Departmental employees, who have become so numerous that large additional buildings are needed to make room for them. A surprising number of new items appear in the expenditure statements.

Take, for instance, the one item of Royal Commissions, of which the following is a partial list:—  
Transportation Commission cost in 1906, \$14,884.

Deep Waterways Commission cost in 1906, \$23,499.

Fishery Commission cost in 1906, \$14,998.

Tariff Commission cost in 1906, \$14,134.

Insurance Commission cost in 1906, \$19,955.

In addition, \$30,000 was paid for the Insurance Commission after the first of July by Governor-General's warrants making altogether nearly \$50,000 for this inquiry. Other Commissions are those for improving the City of Ottawa, for consolidating the Dominion Statutes, to say nothing of the Transcontinental Commissioners and their staff, some members of which found time to take part in the notorious London Election Enterprise. There is another railway commission, a permanent board established a few years ago which now costs \$75,000 a year for maintenance of the staff.

## LETTERS

"OH, JOY!"

To the Editor of The Planet:

The above heading in the News was shown me on my return from Detroit. The matter of the auto speeding by Mr. Lewis or anyone else is of no particular consequence to myself. But as the magistrate's decision, as printed in the News, looks very extraordinary and contrary to fact, as I am positive in regard to my evidence, I think a correction in order.

In the first place, my object in reporting the occurrence was merely to draw the attention of autoists to the fact that fast driving was contrary to law and is considered a menace to life, as no one knows at what instant a child or children may rush out from a house or from an alleyway into the street. Happily there has never been any serious auto accident in Chatham, but nevertheless perpetual vigilance is the only safe course, and "an ounce of prevention" saves the cost of a cure. It is for these reasons I reported the fast driving on Park street. I did not try to see the driver through the whirling dust, but the number on the auto. Mr. Groves was the first policeman that I met at the police station, and when I gave him the number and asked who it was, he asked aloud "if 2097 was not Lewis' auto number." The reply was "yes." I said I had nothing against any of them, but that I would report King Edward—the best man living—if he was going at the same speed. My evidence was that I walked to the sidewalk about 30 feet from the front door to look at the number. The magistrate after asking the distance between roadways I had referred to, etc., asked about how far the auto was away when I saw the number. I said about 75 feet. This was the only time that 75 feet was mentioned. I said also that I had turned to go to the house, but turned again and ran to the curb, about 35 feet, to see if 2097 had overtaken another auto that I passed before it, but all I could see was a whirling wind of dust—west of Waterhouse's bakery, about 100 yards away.

The cross-examination by Lewis was as to the speed. I would swear to. Now I did not want to see him or any one else fined heavily when they had not done any actual damage, but merely to warn them. I tried to keep near the law limit of ten miles, and not what I was certain it really was, a much higher speed, I therefore swore to eleven miles, but when he could not see my intention and would persist in questioning, I put it at fifteen miles, and said that if I was a better I would bet on over eighteen miles. The magistrate said bets did not go there. I said I knew that, but put it that way to my certainty of speed. Now fifteen miles an hour is only a mile in four minutes, not much speed for a horse.

Mr. Lewis in his examination said that when he hought the auto they told him that they would set it at three notches, which meant ten miles an hour; that he said was all he knew, and would not swear that he was not going over the ten mile speed. I swore that he was. Lewis would not swear that he wasn't. Mr. Zink said the auto, he saw—he did not know whose they were—on Park street were going about twenty miles an hour. Anderson said he was out driving, and Lewis slowed down when he met him at a corner. Now 75 feet was only mentioned when I spoke of seeing the number. In cross-examining me Mr.

Lewis tried to dodge that 300 yard whirlwind.  
But how under the sun the magistrate, as reported, got the 300 yards mixed up with the 75 feet is past my comprehension; there was nothing approaching such a mixture in the case. And I most certainly object to being made out both a liar and a fool by any miscomprehension or mis-statement of facts such as that. Does this verdict decree that our streets are placed at the disposal of autoists for race courses?  
W. K. MERRIFIELD.  
Chatham, Dec. 10, 1906.

## THE STAGE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Brisco Opera House—  
The Scarlet Mysteries—Dec. 13.  
Charley's Aunt—Dec. 15.  
Miss MacIntyre's Rental—Dec. 17.  
Dolly Varden Co.—Dec. 24.  
Rumie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29.  
Return of Morris-Thurston Co., New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

### THE SCARLET MYSTERIES.

The Brisco Opera House is to be occupied on Thursday night by the Scarlet Mysteries, a mysterious company of artists from London, who are making their first appearance in Canada under the direction of Mr. Edward Branscombe. The company number eight performers, all of whom not only enjoy English reputations, but claim individuality to excel in some "specialty."



SCARLET MYSTERIES.  
(Hunting Chorus.)

The bare announcement in any town in England that the "Scarlet Mysteries" are to appear is sufficient guarantee for the public, owing to the reputation this company enjoy, that they may depend upon an entertainment after their own hearts—cultured, refined, thoroughly amusing and, best of all, different from any other show. In this country they come to us as strangers, and have yet to prove their quality, but the association of Mr. Edward Branscombe's name, who is known to us, should be ample recommendation as to the qualifications of the artists who have elected to surround themselves in the mystery of masks and musketeer apparel, and from the English credentials which they show, it is safe to say that the opportunity afforded Thursday to enjoy an evening's fun and merriment at the expense of these red-robed gentlemen and their quaint jests—who is said to be a veritable prince amongst them—should on no account be missed, for it is rare to meet with an entertainment so entirely free from the least trace of vulgarity, and at the same time teeming with mirth and revelry.

Referring to these performances, English and the following from a London paper—"The entertainment was one of the very best. Songs—all admirably rendered—succeeded one another in rapid succession, the concerted numbers with action and dance were excellent, fairy ballets and comic melodies, followed by jest and quip, lightning sketches, a diverting burlesque, not to mention a seemingly funny "sketch" capitalily presented, constituted an entertainment which afforded one of the most delightful methods of passing an evening which could be devised."

Next Saturday at the Brisco Opera House, Etienne Girardot will make a return engagement to this city, appearing in his famous play "Charley's Aunt." Mr. Girardot is alone in the field that he has chosen, and there is no actor to-day who is giving the same class of performances, and the public, recognizing this, has accorded to him a position in its favor that he can readily be classed as foremost of comedy stars of the present day. Every indication points to full houses during the engagement.

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75c Silks 46c yd.—20 pieces Plain and Fancy Silks in choice washing patterns, dots, checks, etc., good range colors, regular up to 75c yd.

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### Sale Price 58c

50c, 60c, and 75c Dress Goods for 33c yd., including plain and fancy mohairs, pure wool granites, serges, lustrés, etc., in black and colors, regular up to 75c yd.

### Sale Price 33c

90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 Suitings for 68c, including 56 in all wool, tweeds and homespun, 52 in French chevrons, 50 in all wool fancy suitings, etc., regular up to \$1.25 a yard.

### Sale Price 68c

50c and 60c Fancy Waistings, 39c, including fine French flannels, Delaines, silk mixtures, etc., wide range designs and colorings, reg. up to 60c yard.

### Sale Price 39c

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Children's Millinery, Hats, Bonnets, Tans, etc., clearing at

### Sweeping Reductions

50c Linoleums 39c yd.—8 pieces heavy English linoleums, choice patterns, reg. 50c value.

### Sale Price 39c

Carpet Ends.—Sample pieces of tapestry and Brussels carpets in lengths of 1 yd. to 1 1/2 yds., suitable for mats, etc.

### Almost Half

Rug Bargains.—English Tapestry Room Rugs, size 7-12 by 9 ft., clearing for \$5.98; size 9 by 10-12 ft., clearing for \$7.89; size 9 by 12 ft., clearing for \$9.68. Oriental Rugs—6 by 9 ft., regular \$7.00, for \$5.90; 7-12 by 10-11 ft., regular \$10, for \$7.90; 9 by 12 ft., regular \$13, for \$10.90.

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Ladies' Coats.—48 to 52 in long, in fine quality tweeds, dark and light shades, in checks and diagonals and stylish mixtures, all the very latest styles, worth, regular up to \$3.50

### Sale Price \$9.90

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### Sale Price \$12.90

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### Sale Price \$3.68

White Wool Boas 25c—36 in. long, pure white, fine full fleeced, worth 35c each.

### Sale Price 25c

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### Sale Price 98c

\$5 and \$6 Silk Underskirts \$3.95.—Rich pure silk quality taffeta, in black and shot effects, made with deep full flounce trimmed with ruffled tucks and pleatings, good range colors, worth regular 5.00, to 6.00 each.

### Sale Price \$3.95

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### Sale Price \$4.89

River Mink Ties, 72 in. long, satin lined, large Empire style, muff to match, clearing at each

### Sale Price \$4.89

Grey Squirrel Ties, choice quality, 72 in. long, satin lined, regular \$12.50.

### Sale Price \$9.95

Large Empire Muff to match.

### Sale Price \$9.95

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### Sale Price \$7.90

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### Sale Price \$9.90

Mink Tie, superior quality, 48 in. long, double, trimmed with head and 4 tails.

### Sale Price \$18.95

Columbia Sable Stole, 72 in. long, rich full fur, with 2 heads, 2 tails, and 4 claws.

### Sale Price \$12.50

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### Sale Price \$22.50

Alaska Sable Ruffs, 76 in. long, rich natural fur, double, trimmed with braid ornaments and 6 large tails. Worth \$20

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### Quick Moving Prices

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### Sale Price 18c

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### 50c

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### \$1.50

Men's Suits, 27 only, Men's Tweed Suits, were regular up to 10.00.

### Sale Price \$5.90

16 only Men's Suits, fine tweeds, worsteds and serges, were regular up to 15.00.

### Sale Price \$8.90

Men's Overcoats, a few odd lines and sizes, clearing at almost

### Half Price

Men's Odd Pants in fine worsteds, reg. up to 4.50 a pair

### Sale Price \$2.89

Regular up to 3.00 a pair.

### Sale Price \$1.89

Men's Underwear—2 special lines pure wool, unshrinkable, in elastic rib knit, all sizes, at, a garment, 1.00 and

### 75c

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\$3.25 White Wool Blankets at \$2.75 pr., full double bed size, white wool blanket, warranted unshrinkable, soft fleecy finish, regular 3.25 a pair.

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### Sale Price 10c

Visit our China Section for choice pieces of French ware Ladies' Fancy Collars, 3 special lots, best special for our sale, handsome styles in silk chiffon lace, etc., at sale price each 25c, 50c and

### 75c

Embroidery Turnover Collars, full Swiss make, pretty styles, regular 10c, sale price 5c; regular 15c, sale price 9c; regular 20c and 25c, sale price, 14c.

25c Cushion Girdles, 19c.—8 doz. fine heavy mercerised cord girdles, with tasseled ends, 5 yds. long, regular 25c.

### Sale Price 19c

Teneriffe d'Oylies, 6 for 25c.—Fine Japanese hand made d'Oylies, 6 wheel, linen centre.

### Sale Price 6 for 25c

50c Table Linen, 38c yd., 67 in. wide, heavy pure linen damask, choice designs, our best 50c quality.

### Sale Price 38c

\$1.00 Table Linen 86c yard, 2 yds. wide, pure grass bleached, double damask, rich satin finish, best dollar quality.

### Sale Price 86c

\$1.75 and \$2 Napkins, \$1.38 Doz.—Full 3-4 size fine linen napkins, wide range patterns, reg. up to \$2 doz.

### Sale Price \$1.38

Table Cloths, 2 x 2 1/2 yds.—Fine heavy pure linens, in new designs, at each, \$2, \$2.50 and

### \$3.00

Table Cloths, 2 yds. x 3 yds.—Superior quality pure linen damask cloths, at each \$2.50, 3.00, 4.00 and

### \$5.90

9c Flannelettes at 6-12c yd.—Fine heavy quality stripe shakers, fast colors, 32 in. wide, worth 8c to 9c yd. Sale price

### 6-12c

15c Linen Towels, 11c Each.—20 doz. large size bleached huck and damask towels, fringed ends, reg. 15c to 17c each.

### Sale Price 11c

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## DISTRICT

### DARRELL.

Mrs. Tom Brown and daughter, Mrs. Strong, and children, visited at Mrs. Henry Weaver's last week. Miss Clara French, who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Peters, of Northwood, preached in French's church on Sunday.

Cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Weaver on Friday evening.

Mrs. McGlinchey, of Flint, Mich., who has been visiting her brother, Isaac Gregory, has returned home.

Mrs. Isaac Brown is recovering from a severe attack of erysipelas.

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