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Our Special Sale of Table Linens, which Opened To-day, contains the most interesting offerings of slightly damaged cloths and napkins ever on our counters.

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Mr. N. H. Stevens Has Claims For Senatorship

Vacancy Caused by Death of Sen. Casgrain brings Out Many Aspirants

IT IS WEST KENT'S TURN

Mr. Stevens Generously Stepped Aside for G. W. Ross—Mr. Geo. Stephens Should Use Influence

On Monday last The Planet made mention of the fact that there is a bitter row on in Essex over the appointment of a new senator to succeed the late Senator Casgrain. There are many aspirants for the position in Windsor, including Messrs. Arch. McNee, W. J. McKee, Dr. Samson and Ernest Girardot. Of all these men, however, it is understood that there is no one who stands a very strong chance to land the coveted prize, but every influence is being brought to bear upon the Government, by the friends of the aspirants.

There is a man in Chatham who has more claims to a senatorship than any of the above mentioned men from Windsor, and it is understood that he is in such a position that he would not refuse the office if it were offered to him. This man is Mr. N. H. Stevens, President of the Canada Flour Mills Company. His claim is considerably



MR. N. H. STEVENS.

strengthened by the fact that this county has not had a senatorship since the time of the late Joseph Northwood. It is understood that Mr. Stevens' claim is endorsed by the Liberal Association, and by many of the prominent Liberal politicians. He is a man with large interests in the western part of this country, and, apart from this, from a standpoint of service, there is not another man in the party more deserving of all the honor that there is to be had. He has been an earnest and effective worker in every political battle in this constituency for many years. He has, too, been a boomer for the county outside of politics. He has encouraged the building of railways, and in every scheme to promote the advancement of the county, and particularly the city of Chatham, he has been found ready and willing to lend his support and influence, and the money capital at his command.

It is understood that Mr. Stevens' name in connection with a senatorship is by no means a new thing. It is rumored that he was promised a place in the Senate some time ago, and at the time when Hon. G. W. Ross was appointed, it is understood upon good authority that Mr. Stevens generously waived his claim for the time being, so that Mr. Ross could be appointed. Such generosity should not be ignored, especially when there is a chance now to reward him for it.

It is hoped that Mr. George Stephens, who, it is understood, still holds for West Kent the patronage of the Liberal Government at Ottawa, will do all in his power to forward the claims of Mr. N. H. Stevens. In doing so he would be acting not only in the interests of his party, but also in the interests of the riding which he once represented, and which he may have the honor to contest in some future election.

Aged, Broken Down Father Is Sent To The Poor House

His Years of Usefulness Gone Wealthy Children Cast Him Off

PITIFUL TALE OF NEGLECT

Younger Son Spends Father's Last Dollar in Drink—Other Children Are Unconcerned

Mr. Silas A. Hunt, of Detroit, called at The Planet editorial rooms yesterday and told of one of the most pitiful cases of neglect which has ever disgraced the reputation of any prosperous country.

The case has been brought to an acute stage, and has attracted considerable attention through the fact that an application on behalf of the man around whom the facts revolve—a resident of Turnerville—has been made for admittance to the County House of Refuge, where it is quite likely that this unfortunate person will be called upon to spend the latter years of his life.

The story as told by Mr. Hunt, is a heart-rending one. It tells of a man who was one of the hardest working pioneers of the county, now in his 77th year. He and his faithful wife, who has since died, and given a far better start in life than their parents had had, and the result is that now three daughters and one son are considered well-off in the possession of a goodly amount of this world's goods. When it came time for the second son to receive his portion, he was given a homestead, and with him the father has been living ever since. The deed of the place was given to this latter son, who was given full swing, and the poor father expecting that the son would do the right thing, depended upon him entirely for his living.

The rest is the old story. The son was addicted to drink. The farm didn't last long. The son became careless, and the old man was neglected. Poverty reigned in the old homestead where so much happiness at one time abounded, and the world is calling to witness the sorry spectacle of an aged man with flowing, unkempt beard, bent form, and broken down health caused by a denial of the necessities of life, being silently and unceremoniously led to the poor house.

There is evidently no one to come to the rescue of the aged father to save his grey hairs from the humiliating disgrace which he so little deserves—not even the other children who have profited by the honest labors of the indulgent guardian so freely given when he was in a position to carefully look after and tenderly guard them and when they were still infants under the parental roof. Surely it is no wonder that the incident is the talk of the community. This is the story as told by Mr. Hunt, and he is prepared to back his statements with substantial proof. It is hoped that the children will make some move towards a rescue before their aged father is finally landed in surroundings which will only cause him to pine away with the sorrow of a broken heart.

WOULD COST \$20,050

Ottawa, March 11.—In the House to-day Mr. Clements was informed that the engineer sent to Chatham to report upon the protection of Dolsen's burying ground from the encroachments of the River Thames, estimated it would cost \$20,050. The department has "under consideration" the question of proceeding with the work.

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Wonderful Strikes Are Made In The Tilbury Oil Field

No One Realizes The Immensity Of The Oil Possibilities Of This County—1000 Wells To Be Opened Up During The Coming Year

The summer of 1907 will undoubtedly bring forth and develop to a great extent the present immense latent possibilities of the rich oil and gas fields situated in the immediate vicinity of Chatham. Interest is centering in the Romney and Tilbury fields as it never did before.

The announcement that 1,000 wells will be opened up in the Romney fields during the coming year, is in itself a proof of the immensity of the amount of capital which will be the richest oil field in America.

The January reports show that 177 carloads of crude oil, comprising 40,000 barrels were shipped from Merlin during that month. This is the largest monthly output ever produced in any Canadian field, and is as large as the output reported from many other fields in a whole year! It is no wonder, then, that wealthy oil men from the United States are abandoning American fields and flocking to this Western Ontario peninsula and making arrangements to lavishly invest their thousands in developing what they expect will return them ten-fold the amount of their investment.

There is now over 3,000 barrels of oil being produced from the local fields per day, and there is no doubt that this will treble itself in a very short time. American oil magnates are tumbling over each other in their efforts to lease and get on the ground first. The one peculiar feature of it all is that so little Canadian capital is in evidence. The Americans themselves express wonder at this. While the Cobalt frenzy has been at its height and Canadians have been rushing wildly to take up shares in these modern northern Bonanzas, scores of shrewd capitalists from the South have been quietly taking advantage of rich possibilities of our oil fields, and been

laying the foundation for the making of millions.

One million two hundred thousand dollars have already been spent in the developing of the Romney and Tilbury fields, the most of which is American capital, and to say that the 200 wells opened up, cost on an average of \$3,000 each, is putting it at a very low estimate.

The rapidity with which the Romney field has developed, has amazed the most sanguine. Already a pipe line has been laid to Coatsworth, but the output from the various wells is so large that the operators find themselves hampered for facilities to handle it.

Among the recent rich strikes was that made by the Roth-Argue people, whose well opened up Saturday evening, produced 1,600 barrels of oil in 36 hours. This is only a shallow well at that, but to use the expression of some of the oil men, it appears only necessary to make a shallow hole in the Romney soil and the oil will come up.

Pay said was struck in the Kelly well at a depth of 1,380 feet, and both gas and oil are in evidence in large quantities. The Kelly well is three miles from Glenwood. This was the first deep well opened up in Romney. The indications are that it is surrounded by a rich oil and gas field.

The No. 3 Davis well to the south of No. 1, came in Monday and produced 250 barrels, the first tank.

The No. 3 Tremblay well is expected to-day.

The development of the Romney and Tilbury fields is yet only in its infancy, and great things are expected during the coming months.

A FINE CONCERT

A very fine Scotch concert was given in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium last Monday evening under the direction of the Sons of Scotland. It was a great success, and too much praise cannot be given to J. G. McKenzie, the chairman of the program committee, for the excellent menu of music provided. Chief H. Macaulay was the chairman of the evening. Address—H. Macaulay.

Violin selection with guitar accompaniment—Messrs. Martin and Russell.
Song—Miss Carter.
Song—A. Wrigley.
Chatham Scots—M. Houston.
Song—Miss Riddell.
Address—Wm. Beatty, of Dundas Camp, Toronto, and representative for the Scottish American.
Song—J. W. Wilson.
Peculiar solo—Hugh Collins.
Song—R. W. Angus.
Song—Miss Lillian Wemp.
Reading—Miss Verlyn Lamont.
Reading—John Davidson.
Violin and Guitar—Messrs. Martin and Russell.
Highland Fling—Miss Bessie Collins.
Miss Nellie Rhody acted as accompanist of the evening.
After the program, refreshments were served.

GRAND OPENING

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BIG FIRE IN MULL

The general store of J. H. Saddington, at Mull, was completely wrecked and burnt this morning at four o'clock by the explosion of an acetylene gas plant. The tank was situated on the lower floor, and it is thought that the explosion was due to the clogging up of the pipes.

Mr. Saddington lives across the street, and, being awakened by the crash of the explosion, immediately jumped up and ran to the store. In endeavoring to get his books from the falling building he had the misfortune to step on a piece of plate glass which cut a severe gash in the sole of his foot. An artery had been severed and blood was flowing rapidly from the wound. Two surgeons were immediately summoned from Ridgeway and succeeded in stopping the bleeding wound. A great deal of blood was lost, and Mr. Saddington is in a very weak condition.

The store was heavily stocked and a large loss is the result. Insurance, \$5,000.

MINERAL BATHS POPULAR

Dr. W. R. Hall has received a letter from Mrs. Agnes Arol, of St. Paul, Minn., in which that lady states that her daughter is going to return to this city and take another course of mineral baths at Hotel Sanita. Miss Arol, before taking the first course of baths at the Sanitarium, was afflicted with nervous prostration, from which it was thought she would never recover. The healing mineral waters, however, effected a cure, and when she left here she was entirely restored to her former good health. She received such good results that she has determined to take another course at the Sanita.

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