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MARKET MEAT INSPECTION

Some rather startling statements have been made to The Planet by reputable citizens during the past few days, which, if true, call for immediate and effectual action on the part of the City Board of Health.

In any event, it is surely the duty of the Board to secure the appointment of a competent and efficient inspector of all meats offered for sale on our market. This would prove a safe-guard and protection to the purchasing public and, moreover, a source of satisfaction to the seller of good, healthy meats.

It is an important duty which confronts the Board of Health, and it is a duty that must not be shirked.

MR. CLANCY'S MEASURE

One frequently hears the question asked: "Is the ballot at elections a secret, or can it be ascertained how a man votes?" As it is often asserted that employers often influence the votes of their employees by telling them—or giving them to understand—that they will know how they vote, and as it is also important for everybody to know the answer, we now give it. The Provincial ballot is not a secret one, but in a Dominion ballot, such as was used in the contest pending in East Lambton at the present time, is secret, and the elector may cast his ballot feeling perfectly sure that no one can ascertain for whom he votes, unless he tells it himself. It is interesting in this connection to note that Mr. James Clancy, M. P., was the means of having it made a criminal offense for a man to tell his employer that he can ascertain how he votes.—Sarnia Canadian.

BYSTANDER ON THE WAR

No question of right, only questions of force, can be settled by war, resort to which, in our present stage of civilization, may sometimes be inevitable, but is always to be deplored. The parley between Russia and Japan was long drawn, and a long drawn parley seldom ends in fighting. The temper of the czar was known to be pacific; the fire-engines of diplomacy were sure to be at work Berlin, which was likely to be well informed, believed that there would be no war. There seemed, then, to be a fair promise of peace. But the promise has been broken, and we are to have another scene of blood and havoc, out of which there is no saying what further complications may arise. Whether Japan or Russia is most likely to win, it is far from the centre of her resources, but she is a veteran war power and has no doubt thoroughly matured her plan. The easy victory of Japan over the human sheep of China counts for little as an indication of her chances in the present conflict, yet she may have been misled by this, combined with youthful ardor and pride. She was evidently eager for war. We shall probably now have the first fair trial of the new battleships. The Spanish fleet destroyed by the Americans was helpless. So was the Chinese fleet, destroyed by the Japanese. The interest of Canada in the conflict, if she has any, would rather lead her to sympathize with Japan, which is her customer, while Russia, if established in force on the Pacific, would, in the event of a war between her and England, be a menace to our Pacific coast.

REGARDING YOUR JOB

"Young man, think of nothing but your job," is the advice given to aspirants for success in life by a well-known millionaire. Like all proverbs and other sententious utterances, this advice is good or bad, according to the case to which it is applied. The youth to whom it was first addressed may have needed it, and may have profited by it, but to assume that therefore it is of universal applicability would be a grave mistake. On the whole, such advice given in anything like a general way is either bad advice or wholly unnecessary. If a man has a job which only partly expresses him and partly extends his powers, he would be doing injustice to himself and others to think of that job and nothing else. Charles Lamb, for instance, had a job in one of the departments of the India House. He gave to his duties fair and painstaking attention. But had he thought of nothing else, while he might have risen in the public service, English literature would have lacked one of its most successful men. Priestley, the chemist, the finest ornaments, and Lamb had a job as a preacher to a dissenting congregation. He devoted

comparatively little attention to this particular business, but occupied himself with researches into all sorts of natural and social phenomena. He made more discoveries of importance than any man of his day, and the world is far better off than it would have been had he devoted himself to preaching alone.

On the other hand, if a man has a job which suits him, which gives him a chance to express himself, there is no reason to tell him to think of nothing else. The danger is that he will become too much absorbed in the work he has in hand, and so miss opportunities for serving his fellows which a less closely concentrated attention would enable him to see. There is no use, for instance, in telling the inventor Edison to think of his job and nothing else. But if there is any truth in the stories that are told of his absent-mindedness, his forgetfulness of everything else in the pursuit of an almost-caught idea, his friends must often have thought that even such success as his might be dearly won.

Considering that a man's job is often only the means by which he makes his living, and only necessary to his life as the gathering of food is necessary to any life; and considering that the increasing stress of modern competition tends to cause men to neglect even good causes in order merely to make their own success greater and more certain, the preacher's advice to think also of other and more important things seems better than the millionaire's advice to concentrate attention on one's job.—Toronto Star.

THE STAYING SEX.

London World.
Do women live longer than men? During the past year no fewer than fifty-six persons have died that were centenarians. In several cases they have been considerably over a hundred years of age, and it is remarkable that of these persons thirty-six were women. Men and women alike belonged to all stations of life, but it is noticeable that by far the greater proportion of the women were married.

BISHOP DUMOULIN'S LENTEN MESSAGE.

Woodstock Express.
Can it be possible that social conditions in Canada have reached the level described by the Bishop? Nero trampled his lute and made poetry while Rome burned. Is the church engaged in a wild pursuit of pleasure while the world is sinking into the abyss of immorality? The Bishop does not explicitly say that he is talking about Canada in his message, but the inference seems to be that he is. We hope he isn't, for we would awfully hate to accuse his lordship of an intemperate use of words. But if his lordship is comparing the condition of the churches and society in Canada to the frivolities and gaieties of ancient Rome, we can't but think that he is guilty of recklessness in the use of similes at least.

SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATION.

Toronto Globe.
There is a farmers' trust in Iowa organized to escape the exactions of a corporation that bought their produce and furnished their supplies. They incorporated as a company with the following wide range of enterprises: "Buying and selling and dealing in all kinds of farm and dairy products, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, hardware, farm machinery, lumber, stone, brick and all kinds of building material, grain and real estate, and dealing in all kinds of merchandise, and in buying and selling all such kinds of property on commission and otherwise." Their reports for the last year show that, with an expense for salaries, rent, insurance, etc., of less than \$4,000, they carried on a business of over \$620,000 on a capital of less than \$25,000, and at no time has the indebtedness been more than \$5,000. The company has handled in all over \$5,000,000 without losing a single dollar.

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DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From Nov. 27, 1857, to Jan. 11, 1858.
Died—In Chatham on the 26th, Mrs. Crow, relict of the late John Crow, Esq.

Birth—At Chatham, on Sunday, the 27th, inst., the wife of Mr. Rufus Stephenson, of the Chatham Planet, of a son.

The Governor-General travelled through from Quebec to Toronto, a distance of 500 miles, on the Grand Trunk railway in twelve hours and a half.

The Canadian government is providing life boats for lake ports. They are twenty-six feet by six.

On November 30th appears an election card from Miles Miller, who announced himself a candidate for the council from Chrysler Ward.

D. R. VanAllen and John Williams dissolve partnership and Mr. VanAllen remains in the business.

The Dominion elections are approaching. Edwin Larwell and Archibald McKellar were the candidates.

In 1857 Raleigh street was opened to the Grand Trunk depot.

Birth—At Chatham, on the 4th of November, the wife of John Green, of twins—a son and a daughter.

Married—On the 26th ult., by Rev. A. Campbell, Mr. James P. Moore to Miss Sarah A. Underwood, both of the town of Chatham.

Married—On the 2nd inst., by the Rev. A. Campbell, Mr. Wm. DeCov, of the Township of Howard, to Miss Elizabeth Sherman, of the township of Camden.

Birth—In this town on Tuesday, the eighth inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. McKeough, of a son.

The following gentlemen were out for municipal honors for the year 1858: Messrs. Richard Monck, Walter McCrae, Miles Miller, W. McKenzie Ross, Alexander Knapp, John Smith, Thomas Keating, C. J. S. Askin, Israel Evans, William Baxter, Hooper King, C. G. Charteris, Robert Duff, Francis Martin and Thomas Cross.

Married—On the 25th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Webster, John W. Butler, to Lydia C. Prunell, all of Baltimore.

County council met Wednesday, December 16, 1857, present James Smith, Warden, and Councillors Crow, Ronalds, Pardo, Smith, T. E. McKellar, Smith, T. C. Munroe, Robinson, McLennan, Rolis, Desmond, McMichael, Muckle and Arnold.

The following gentlemen were appointed returning officers for the municipal election: Eberts' ward—Duncan McColl; Chrysler Ward, C. Montgomery; Northwood ward, John Smith.

Died—At her residence, Park St., Chatham, on the 26th of December, Ann, widow of the late James Orr, in her 60th year.

Removed—The post office has been removed to Miller and Barfoot's building, corner of King and Fifth streets, nearly opposite the Planet office. It must be gratifying to our citizens to note the improvement effected by our worthy postmaster, Mr. Barfoot, by which public convenience is greatly enhanced. The situation of the new post office is most eligible in fact could not be more so; the room for delivery is spacious and airy, and altogether the arrangements are certainly of a most unexpected character for all of which Mr. Barfoot deserves the thanks of the whole community.

Birth—At Chatham, on Tuesday, 29th, inst., Mrs. John E. Brooke, of a son.

Married—On the 31st Dec., by Rev. Wm. Walker, Mr. Robert Glass, to Miss Elizabeth Walker, both of this town.

In the general elections of 1858, Archibald McKellar was elected, defeating the Conservative candidate, Edwin Larwell.

The wife of Hon. John A. Macdonald died at Kingston on the 29th of December, 1857.

Jenny Lind Goldschmidt does not, it is said, intend to close her professional career until after a final visit to the United States.

Married—At Chatham on the 9th of December, by the Rev. John Robb, W. S. Hungerford, of Morpeth, to Miss Statira F. Wilson, of Harwich.
At Bothwell, on the 30th of Dec., by the Rev. Mr. Peake, John McCracken, Esq., to Margaret, youngest daughter of Alex. Scott, Esq., of Kelso, Scotland.

Another new General store was opened up in Chatham by W. H. Young.

Mr. R. K. Payne, of this town showed us yesterday a full blown violet, which he had picked from an exposed flower bed in his garden. This is something curious and would no doubt surprise many who are startled with the idea that Canadian winters yield nothing but ice, snow and long continued chilling blasts.

The New York Press was started in 1858. Among the first contributors

were Dickens, Mrs. Trollop and Chas. Read.

The new bronze bell intended for the town hall, has been received and is now in the course of being placed in the belfry. Its tone as far as we are capable of judging on yesterday is excellent, and we doubt not will give complete satisfaction. The weight is 1,222 pounds.

The following was a list of the newly elected members of the different township council boards of this county in 1858.

Harwich—Geo. Young, John McMichael, John Muckle, David Wilson, and Benjamin Rice.

Raleigh—John Pardo, Stephen White, William Emerson, Chas. McNeil, Coleman Ross.

Chatham—James Houston, Stephen Kinney, Duncan Campbell, Francis Martin, John Sanderson.

Dover E. & W.—Theophilus Boulanger, Joseph Ouellette, Robert Mitchell, Joseph Daniels, and James Richmond.

Camden—James Smith, David Sherman, G. M. Webster, A. Anderson, and R. Butler.

Howard—Thomas Findlay, Wm. McKerracher, Robert Pierce, Francis Ogilvie and Wm. Call.

BRITAIN'S STRATEGIC ROUTE.

Brooklyn Eagle.
The reported determination of the British government to send six or seven regiments to Canada, where they will be maintained in readiness for duty in Asia, suggests the value of the Canadian Pacific Railroad as a strategic route to the far east. The difference in time between transport services starting from England, for, say, Corea, by the two most available routes, may not be so great, although the course through the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Indian Ocean, the Straits of Malacca, the Pescadores Channel and the Yellow sea, is longer by at least a thousand miles than the route across the Atlantic to Quebec, Montreal or Halifax, thence to Victoria by rail and thence to Asia by steamer. But the chief advantage of the latter route to Great Britain is offered by the availability of several Canadian cities as depots where troops may be concentrated weeks and months before they are needed for campaign purposes. No European power, except Russia, could move men and munitions of war into northern Asia as rapidly as Great Britain can move them with the aid of the Canadian Pacific. The possession of this route by Great Britain would therefore be a factor of enormous value in the event of war involving other nations than Japan and Russia. The stationing of troops in Canada is not a threat. It is a precaution which any other nation would take, and it will be welcomed by the Canadians themselves as an evidence that the Imperial connection is to become for the first time a vital element in world politics.



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