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## GOOD ELECTRIC LINE.

Lately there appeared in the Chatham press comment unfavorable to the service given by the Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie electric road. The party who made the remarks evidently had not travelled far and knew little about what he was writing. For a new road the C. W. & L. E. is far above the average of electric roads operating in Canada, both in regard to track and equipment, and for service to the public since it has been opened, we think all residing along its road should be well satisfied. Travellers, who are good judges of the service, think it is excellent.—The Railway News.

As far as the above eulogy of the C. W. & L. E. is concerned this Great Home Journal is in full accord, and always has been, in reference to the "unfavorable comment" which the Railway News says appeared in the "Chatham Press," this will be real news to the readers of The Planet. This journal is of the opinion that the electric road should be encouraged. When the line is completed to the lake the people of this city will realize the wisdom of such a course.

## A DREDGING BUNGLER.

The following despatch from Ottawa gives the particulars of the latest blunder of the Liberal Government at Ottawa:

"The Department of Public Works has got into a tangle in connection with the dredging contracts. By asking for simultaneous tenders for a score of rivers or harbors the temptation was offered to a number of intending tenderers to bid on all in order to make sure of getting some of the work.

"One company, however, the Dominion Dredging Co., of Ottawa, happened to be the lowest in 22 places, and as the company has only three dredges, one in St. John, one on the Ottawa River, and one at Port Burwell, it was an absolute impossibility to cover 22 different points with such a comparatively small plant.

"The Dominion Company, in addition to the St. John harbor work, gets the dredging at Nigger and Telegraph Islands, in Lake Erie, and Hudson, St. Andrew's and Yaudreuil, on the Ottawa.

"New tenders will be asked from the recent successful bidders for dredging at the following points in Ontario: Midland, Port Burwell, Port Stanley, Rondeau, Chénalacata, at the mouth of the Sydenham River, and Belle River, which enters

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## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

San Francisco is to make an experiment in municipal ownership of public utilities. The city will take over the Geary street railway, according to a decision reached yesterday by District Attorney Langdon after a conference with Chairman Gallagher of the Board of Supervisors. That body will at once appropriate \$400,000, and this sum will be added in the June budget to the \$350,000 already appropriated for the assumption of the railroad. The Railroad Board will employ a competent engineer to draw up plans for the conversion of the road from a cable system to an electrical system. The Geary street line lost its franchise through refusal to operate cars daily as a result of the strikes.

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## Great Possibilities of The Tilbury Oil Fields

Harry W. Anderson, formerly of this city, now connected with the editorial staff of the Toronto News, paid a visit to the Tilbury oil fields on Monday. The following is an excerpt from a dispatch he sent to his paper regarding the Kent oil regions:

The richest central portion of the oil and gas district, which now extends from Lake Erie to Lake St. Clair, and stretches about 35 miles in length, is situated northwest of Fletcher, a small village in Kent County, about twelve miles from Chatham and seventeen from Tilbury village. Here is now located the biggest "oil camp" of the district. From this centre the field expands. Some idea of the mammoth rise in territorial values in this district may be gained from a transaction concluded on Saturday, when Mr. John P. Dickson, representing Toronto and Ottawa capitalists, paid \$56,000 for one hundred acres of farm land within the oil belt. Another big deal with representatives of the Standard Oil Company is hanging fire. The would-be purchasers have offered \$65,000 for 100 acres, while the owner is still holding out for \$100,000, or \$1,000 an acre.

There is, the old men say, nothing in Canada to approach the present field. Only two on the continent are compared to it; the Indian Territory, where the price paid is 30 cents per barrel, and at Casey, Illinois, where the price is 64 cents. The great attraction of the high price here is consequently winning many interests from the republic.

Most of the oil men make their headquarters at Chatham, where a twelve mile drive will take them to the centre of the field. The hotels there are crowded and transfers of real estate are being made with remarkable rapidity. The oil fever has permeated the whole district and it is anticipated that this spring will see enormous development.

A trip through the field is a revelation. One can hardly comprehend that it has practically sprung into being within a twelve-month. Wealth-unfold wealth—seems the portion of the whole field. Ask the oil men, the experienced experts, as to the possibilities of lack of permanency and they laugh at you. "It is the best field in America," they declare. And it has sprung up silently, almost stealthily, within a radius of but a few miles of unconcerned communities.

The whole field is alive with the little frame buildings, mushroom stores, business places—and even banks. The Sovereign Bank, near Fletcher, occupies a small barn, which for some years previous had been empty. Over the door a canvas streamer stretches upon which is printed the name of the bank. Yet this primitive branch has handled for the past three months more money than many of the imposing and stately stone and brick branches in many of the long settled business communities. A complete system of telephone connection has been installed by the Bell Telephone Company, the long-distance equipment being utilized throughout. Thousands upon thousands of dollars' worth of piping and machinery have been brought in

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## THE STAGE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Theatre—  
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Among those who saw the first performance of "As Told in the Hills," which will play an engagement at the Brisco Theatre Saturday night, was an Indian named Little Fox, who was graduated from the Indian School at Carlisle five years ago. One of the most prominent characters in the play is named "Lit-

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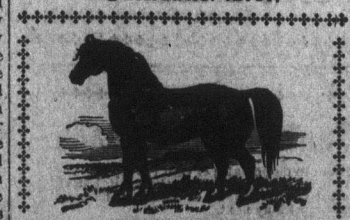
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