

The Planet.

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THE AXE AFTER 1896.

From Liberal journals we frequently hear commendations of the Laurier Government's attitude towards Tory office holders, following the general elections of 1896. For instance, we are told:

"When charges were laid against Conservative officials the Laurier Government required an investigation before a commissioner, and thus the prosecutors were forced to make their charges in the open, while the official had ample opportunity to make his defence."

To the Mail and Empire we are indebted for a thorough exposure of the fallacy of the statement quoted above. That journal points out that while there were some commissions of enquiry in a few departments, the great bulk of the Conservative officials were cast out without any investigation. It was stated by the Minister of Railways in Parliament that he was opposed to enquiries of this kind, and that he would dismiss officers without trial, and upon the request of members of Parliament or defeated candidates friendly to the Government. Two Parliamentary returns were brought down giving the names of officials who had been dismissed "without investigation" between July, 1896, when the Laurier Government were in, and the middle of 1897, and the figures are these:

Officers dismissed.....	3
Geological Survey.....	27
Indian Department.....	23
Interior Department.....	63
Public Works.....	74
Customs.....	45
Inland Revenue.....	47
Marine.....	39
Fisheries.....	32
Agriculture.....	345
Post Office.....	698

There were in addition 523 dismissals to the railway branch in this period. Thus the number of officers dismissed by the Laurier Government within a year and without enquiry was 921.

Our contemporary concludes as follows:—

"The guillotine worked after that, but the returns of the decapitated were not published, and so the actual figures cannot be given. It is in the face of such facts as these which are known to the writer that this spirit of 'independent' organ makes the allegation that the Laurier Government dismissed only after a commission of enquiry had reported. This sort of misrepresentation is designed to do damage to the Whitney Government, but it is to be condemned rather for the insult it offers to the people whom it is intended to deceive."

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At The Grand—
The Lighthouse Robbery—Dec. 27.
(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents).

THE LIGHTHOUSE ROBBERY.
The quaint, charming play, "The Lighthouse Robbery," which resembles "Shore Acres," with a dash of the "Old Homestead," will delight patrons of the theatre who thoroughly enjoy a wholesome play. The atmosphere of the sea and the fine types of New England are almost perfectly reproduced, as the play is founded upon actual facts which occurred in 1875, the truth going to prove that truth is often stranger than fiction.

A splendidly balanced company and fine scenic production guaranteed. At the Grand Opera House Wednesday, December 27.

PRESENTATION

The following address will be of interest to many Chathamites:
Dear Miss Neilson:

We, your friends and pupils of S. S. No. 15, wish to express our regret at your departure, also to thank you for the many repeated kindnesses and benefits we have received from you, both as a teacher and as a friend.

While you have been endeavoring to instill into our youthful minds, knowledge, that would fit us for a useful place in this world of great men and women, we have also had before us the example of a sweet and unselfish disposition, and we will always look back with pleasure to the happy hours spent with you. We are sorry to part with you as a teacher, but glad to know we may still have you as a friend. We wish you every success in your new school and hope sometimes you may find a leisure hour in which to drop in and visit us here where you will always receive a hearty welcome.

In parting we wish to show our appreciation of what you have been to us, and ask you accept this little ring as a small token of our love and esteem. May it prove an emblem of love and a band of friendship, keeping for us a warm place in your affections. We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Signed on behalf of the school,
EDNA SLOAN,
EDITH JENNER.

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the body, don't dose it with medicine. Scott's Emulsion is the best nourishment in existence. It is more than a food; you may doubt it, but it digests perfectly easy and at the same time gets the digestive functions in a condition so that ordinary food can be easily digested. Try it if you are run down and your food doesn't nourish you.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Ont.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

Dec. 23.—Miss Sessmith, of Clare, Mich., is visiting her niece, Mrs. F. Bodkin.

Miss Grace Laird is home for her holidays.

At the elections the people are to have an opportunity of voting on the new school problem. It is hoped few will vote against so needed a town improvement as a school.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Roberts, of Bothwell, who died so suddenly at her son's, Mr. Eastlake, of North Dresden, were conducted Thursday afternoon.

Miss Belle McVean, who has been attending Ursuline Academy, is home for the holidays.

Dec. 26.—Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie, of Port Huron, and Mr. Smith and his son Harold, of Thamesville, spent Christmas day with Mr. E. N. Smith.

Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Weir are spending the holiday in Toronto.

Mr. Kerr, of the Bank of Commerce, spent Sunday and Monday at his home in Stratford.

James Kinmerly and his brother-in-law, Fred, Bodkin, of Chicago, arrived home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aikin spent Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Will Quister, Windsor, and Mr. Byron Fretz, Toledo, spent the holiday in town.

Harold Hughes, of Bramford, is spending the holiday with his parents here.

Capt. John McDonald, of the Str. Codorus, arrived home from Buffalo on Christmas morning.

Frank Storms, of Flint, Mich., is spending the week in town.

Roy Kerby, of Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Messrs. Fred Steeper, Roy Turner and Graham Neilson, of the Str. Empire City, arrived home for the winter on Christmas morning.

Dr. Webster and wife, of Chicago, spent Christmas at the home of the former's father, Mr. L. B. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Colville and family, of Chatham, are visiting Capt. Weston.

Mr. Will Francis, accompanied by his wife and son, spent the holiday at his mother's.

Mrs. McClure entertained Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Forshee, of Florence, and Mr. and Mrs. Pickard, of Kent Bridge, dinner on Christmas day.

The Methodist Sunday school entertainment was in every respect a most enjoyable affair, and was well patronized by the townspeople.

Miss May Leitch was the guest of relatives in Leamington for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mae Gombbridge, of Wallaceburg, spent Sunday and Christmas day with friends in town.

Mrs. Holt, of Leamington, is the guest of relatives in town.

Mrs. Terrie is on professional duty near Tupperville.

F. K. Hughes, of Huron College, London, is home for the holidays.

Miss Sarah McVean, who is spending Christmas holidays at her home in town, will entertain a number of girl friends to-morrow evening.

Johnnie Lawrence, of Toronto School of Practical Science, is home for the holidays.

Harold Hughes, of St. Catharines,

is a holiday guest at his home here.

Ralph Taggals, of Chatham, spent Christmas day with Dresden relatives.

Sandy Burnie, of Sarnia Branch Bank of Toronto, spent Christmas at his home in town.

Miss Allie French is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McRitchie, of Chatham, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cuthbert, North Dresden.

Frank Storms, of Flint, Mich., is visiting in town.

Miss Beattie Davies, of Tupperville, spent Sunday and yesterday at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cathbert, of Windsor, were holiday guests in town.

Arthur Grover, of London School of Medical Science, spent Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Watson.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Webster, of Chicago, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright and infant son, of Wallaceburg, spent Christmas in town.

Will Quister is back from a season on the Great Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Shaw spent Christmas day and Sunday with relatives in Detroit.

Alex. McDonald, who was sailing for the past season, returned home last week. He was on the Str. Angelina, which weathered the last severe storm on Lake Superior.

James McVean and Miss Eva McVean were Chatham visitors Saturday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Wallaceburg.

The annual entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school was held in Hicks Hall last night and was the usual pronounced success in every respect.

Special Christmas services were held in Christ Church yesterday morning. F. K. Hughes, of Huron College, London, assisted the rector, Rev. B. A. Kinder, at the Christmas service and at both services on Sunday.

Gilbert Tassie was a Christmas visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tassie, North Dresden.

The annual Christmas concert of the Salvation Army was held at the barracks on Saturday evening.

Miss Mabel Leonard, of Toronto, is spending the holidays at her home in town.

Hubert Hughes, of Bramford, is the guest of his parents during the holiday season.

TILBURY

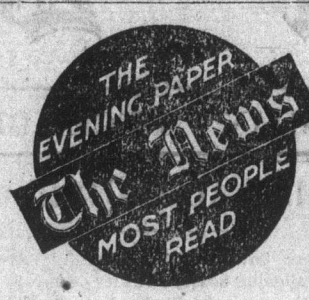
Dec. 23.—Miss Annie Campbell and Dick Crawford leave to-day to spend Christmas in Toronto.

Darrel Moffat, of Upper Canada College, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moffat.

Manager Dromgoole, of the Merchant Bank, leaves to-day to spend Christmas at his home in London.

Delmer Scriven, of Detroit, arrives to-day to spend Christmas at his home here.

Mrs. Scarff was a Detroit visitor



Teachers Wanted

Advertisements bring results in the "News." No magic about it, simply a matter of circulation. The News circulation is over 38,000, reaching 2,475 of the 3,528 Post Offices in Ontario daily.

Teacher Wanted advertisements in the "News" cost one cent a word, minimum charge 10 cents. School Boards need go no further.

Announcement of the Toronto News

yesterday.

F. MacLean, of the Merchants' Bank, leaves to-night to spend the holiday at his home in Windsor.

Mrs. Sharp and daughter Helen have returned from a visit with Mrs. Urea, at Harrow.

Leslie Keith, of Wyandotte, Mich., is visiting at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dusty leave to-morrow to spend Christmas in Hagersville.

Dec. 26.—Miss Minnie Richardson, who has been attending St. Margaret's College, Toronto, is spending vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson.

The collections in St. Andrew's English Church here on Sunday, which were for a Christmas offering for the rector, Rev. Mr. Dobson,

amounted to \$68.

Misses Stella and Beatrice Mailloux, who are attending the Convent in Adrian, Mich., and Donat Mailloux, of Detroit Medical College, are visiting their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Powell spent Christmas with relatives in London.

Miss K. Levetie spent Christmas in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Millie Lang, of Windsor, is visiting her parents here.

Miss N. Stinson returns to-day from a visit at her home in Grooton.

Born, on Thursday, 21st inst., to the wife of J. Clark, twin girls.

Miss Jennie Anderson, of St. Thomas, is visiting at her home here.

Miss Margaret Norgy, of Detroit, spent Christmas with Miss Gertrude Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine, of St. Thomas, arrive to-day to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. Anderson and Mrs. (Dr.) McColl.

W. Wilson, of London, spent Christmas with their sisters here.

Miss Zinnie Dusty, of Windsor, spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicol, of Detroit, have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Readme.

WANTED—Teacher for S. S. No. 4, Chatham Township; state qualifications and salary. Apply to E. W. Hardy, Sec-Treas., Kent Bridge.

CANVASSER WANTED—At once, for Chatham, to supply a regular line of customers with tea, etc. Apply, Alfred Tyler, Teas, London, Ont.

WANTED—Teacher for S. S. No. 14, Dover; experienced one who can speak and teach English and French; duties to commence Jan. 1; state salary. Address Napoleon Brown, Big Point.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

TO RENT—Two or three unfurnished rooms, suitable for light house keeping; centrally located. Apply Box Y, Planet.

TO RENT—A suit of rooms with modern conveniences in the Glen Block, William street. Apply to S. Glen & Son, William street.

FOR SALE—Boiler, two engines, 1800 feet pipe, all sizes, and four pumps. Apply—S. Geller, Gilbert's coal yards. Telephone 119.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Large frame house for rent or sale, on Grant St. Apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria Block.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Sideboard that cost \$125, walnut extension dining room table, and a cosy corner, cost \$35, that was only in use a few months. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—100 acres all under cultivation, Creek Road, Harwich; \$50 an acre on easy terms. M. H. McGavin, at McGavin's Stables, or residence, St. Clair street.

DESIRABLE APARTMENTS TO RENT—A flat containing seven connected rooms, with modern conveniences, including bath room. Apply to the Chatham Loan and Savings Company.

FOR SALE—Small place of property on Talbot Road, Cedar Springs, in front of Mr. G. E. Smith's farm; suitable for building purposes. Cheap! Address Dr. A. Beatty, 132 W. 90th St., New York.

FOR SALE—First class farm of 100 acres, all cleared, in the County of Kent; a great bargain. Apply John O. Butler, 348 Clarence street, London, Ont.

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All Table Cutlery, Pocket Cutlery, Carvers, Carving Sets, Spoons, Silverware, Graniteware, Heating Stoves, Cook Stoves, Mitts, Robes, Horse Blankets.

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The balance of this week will be devoted to clearing up the left-overs of Holiday Goods. As we do not carry these goods over from one season to another, we are putting prices on these lines that will quickly dispose of them. Many lines will be cleared at one-quarter, one-third and in some cases one-half off regular prices.

25c. Dolls at 15c.
30c. Dolls at 23c.
50c. Dolls at 33c.
75c. Dolls at 46c.
\$1.00 Dolls at 69c.
\$1.25 Dolls at 86c.
\$1.50 Dolls at 93c.
1 only \$6.00 Dressed Doll at \$2.95
25c. China Pieces at 15c.
40c. China Pieces 25c.
50c. China Pieces 33c.
75c. China Pieces at 40c.
\$1.00 China Pieces at 68c.
\$1.25 China Pieces, 88c.

\$1.50 China Pieces, 98c.
\$2.00 China Pieces, \$1.36.
\$2.50 China Pieces, \$1.68.
\$2.75 and \$3.00 China Pieces, \$1.89.
50c Handkerchiefs, at 36c.
75c Handkerchiefs, at 48c.
\$1.00 Handkerchiefs, 69c.
\$1.75 Handkerchiefs, at \$1.38.
40c and 35c Handkerchiefs at 25c.
25c Handkerchiefs at 19c.
20c Handkerchiefs at 15c.

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\$10 Worth of Music Free.

Intending purchasers of pianos will do well to call at

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and get the benefit of our special offer. On presentation of this advertisement during this month, we will give with the purchase of any Nordheimer Piano, \$10 worth of Music, to be selected by you, or if you desire, we will make the choice for you.

There is no question about the extra value given, as we are a "One-Priced" house—all instruments are ticketed and we sell at marked price.

NORDHEIMERS' Limited

188 Dundas Street, London.

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Eleven lots in a good section of the city, on which are located two brick dwellings with modern conveniences; price \$1,800 if sold within ten days. Two frame houses, just west of Queen St.; price \$500 each. Four acres of land on Park Avenue; price \$1,000. Apply to E. E. PARROTT & SON, Real Estate Dealers, Seane's Block, Chatham, Ont.

FARM LANDS FOR SALE

The undersigned offers for sale by tender, lot No. 17, in the 6th concession, Dover East, 200 acres, more or less. Tenders will be received up to 1st January, 1906, for the whole lot, or for parcels of 50 or 100 acres each. The land is of the finest, much of it is new, and very suitable for a stock farm. There is a bush on each 100 acres. Suitable farm buildings are also for sale. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Address the owner, Alexander Macfarlane, Victoria Avenue, Chatham, Ont.

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Two hundred chickens, mostly young stock, barred, Buff and White Rocks, White and Silver Wyandottes, four incubators, all new, a lot of broilers, two poultry houses, one 25 feet long, one 94 feet long. Will be sold cheap as I am going out of the business. THOS. M. FRENCH, Dover Fruit and Poultry Farm, Phone 463.

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