

The Planet

A. STEPHENSON - Proprietor.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

THE ALDERMANIC PLUG HAT.

Why do municipal dignitaries resurrect on official occasions "plug" hats of ancient vintage and frock coats that long ago refused to expand to aldermanic proportions, when they have good modern clothes which would render them more presentable? In this democratic country there should be no official occasion which would demand of a man the making of a guy of himself. If a gentleman's duties require him to attend an official function in daytime and he has not an up-to-date Prince Albert and tie, and does not desire to go to the expense of purchasing such, he surely would show more common sense in appearing in a neat business suit than in masquerading in garments whose glories had long ago departed. These thoughts are suggested by the appearance on the streets yesterday of a number of good looking men sadly disfigured by donning "any old thing" which they thought would conform with appropriate attire for the occasion.—Stratford Beacon.

STRATTON, CORNER STONE LAYER

The clergy frequently criticize the conduct of the press in its relations to politics and public morality. The Citizen proposes to make an exception to its rule and to indulge in a mild criticism of the church in its relation to politics and public morality. The occasion of it is the announcement that Hon. J. R. Stratton, at present under trial before a royal commission in Toronto, has been invited by the Presbyterian church of Centerville, Ontario, to lay the corner stone of a Sunday school. The incident under other circumstances would be too trivial to attract a moment's attention. At the present time it means a great deal. It is an advertisement of the fact that one religious community in this province thinks highly enough of Hon. J. R. Stratton to honor him with an invitation to perform a ceremony which it usually reserved for men of at least unblemished character. It is a subjudice declaration that, notwithstanding the trial in progress, Mr. Stratton is in the opinion of that particular church a public man of the highest moral character. Mr. Stratton does not even belong to the Presbyterian faith, so that in selecting him for the honor, the church is rather going out of its way. Without discussing the probable result of the royal commission, we do not think that the testimony given by Mr. Stratton himself and the uncontradicted testimony of a witness, called on Mr. Stratton's behalf, were of such a character as to justify any church in hastening to place the stamp of its approval upon the conduct of the provincial secretary as a public man.

We refer particularly to the statement on oath of the Globe reporter that Mr. Stratton asked him if he could not when under oath to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" conveniently "forget" certain matters prejudicial to Mr. Stratton's case. The young man who reveals that this approach was made to him was employed by the leading Liberal organ which was necessarily much interested in the acquittal of the provincial secretary of the charge, and, while we would not for a moment insinuate that the Globe would be influenced in its relations with its employes because he told the truth, still the conditions were such that a request coming from the provincial secretary of the Government which the Globe was defending, tooth and nail, put an extremely unfair strain upon the conscience of the witness and one which even a man with a calloused sense of honor would hesitate to attempt to take advantage of. It is greatly to the credit of the young newspaper man that he was not amenable to the influences brought to bear upon him. But what about Mr. Stratton? In the light of that evidence and the other circumstances connected with the still uncompleted investigation, is he the type of a public man which the church should delight to honor? It is certainly not an opportune time for such a demonstration of confidence, when even the political adherents of the statesman and the newspaper organs of his party would shy at the impropriety of anything that would be in the nature of a fete in his honor.—Ottawa Citizen.

CON. 5, CHATHAM TP.

Corn planting is the order of the day. Miss Rosa Faubert is quite ill. Miss Maggie McGrail has been visiting relatives in Dover. D. Stanton has repainted his house. Owen Gallagher was seen driving through here last Sunday. Nell McKellar left last week for the Canadian Soo.



You can't help showing a pleasant expression when you come to inspect our daily list of superlatively good things. We would like to make a picture of them for you, but it's impossible, you must see for yourself. Every suit of clothes is backed with Meynell's guarantee. Money refunded if not perfectly satisfied. We cannot show you a suit on paper; we can say we have suits for men from \$5 to \$15. Our values cannot be rivaled in Chatham. See our window.

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BIG LAND DEAL OFF.

Negotiations With Egan-Utt Syndicate Cease.

Toronto, May 21.—It is understood that the negotiations entered upon some time ago with Mr. J. F. Egan of Rock Island, Ill., and former Judge Utt of Chicago, for the concession of 2,000,000 acres of land in new Ontario, have been formally declared off. The promoters formed a syndicate, and were incorporated here as the Canada Settlers Company, but a breach occurred between the two principals. The Government intimated that a reconciliation was desirable before the contract could be concluded, but the break in the end actually occurred because the company could not show they were possessed of the capital which the Government thought they should have to carry on the enterprise.

Mainly About People.

When the father of Don Carlos was in England, many a long year ago, Queen Victoria made a point of presenting to him the late Sir Edwin Landseer. "Oh, Sir Edward," was Luis's effusive welcome; "delighted to make your acquaintance, I was always very fond of beasts." A Texas paper declares that a Tarrant County girl, who is attending school in Fort Worth, recently wrote home to her parents: "I am just in love with ping-pong!" When her stern Texas father read her letter, he remarked: "You can write and tell Amarillo Jane that if she is going to fall in love with any of them blamed Fort Worth Chinamen she can just count on being cut off without a cent."

When Dr. Clark of Rhode Island was elected bishop and was paying his last pastoral calls before entering upon his bishopric, he visited, among others, a lady, who was distinguished for the size of her family. After he had stayed a while, the good doctor rose to go, and the lady said to him: "But, doctor, you haven't seen my last baby, have you?" "No, madam," answered the doctor, "and I never expect to."

A young German studying in this country had received back his theme from his instructor in English. On it were some notes in red ink, which the student could not decipher. Accordingly he took it to the tutor in order that he might not miss some important advice. "I beg your pardon, sir," he said, "but I can't make out this correction here. It's—it's a little hard to read." The instructor took the theme, scowled at it critically, and then said, with some show of irritation: "Why, it says—it says, 'Write more Latin!'"

A SPORTSMAN'S MECCA.

There is no more delightful place in the Western Hemisphere for out-door life and perfect sport with rod and gun than the famous Muskoka Lakes region of the "Highlands of Ontario," about 100 miles north of Toronto. Canoeing is one of the many pleasures the district affords. The Grand Trunk reaches it with ease and comfort, whirling its passengers through some of the grandest scenery on earth. Handsome, illustrated, descriptive matter sent free to any address on application to J. D. McDonald, Dist. Pass. Agent, Grand Trunk Railway, Toronto.

RONDEAU SERVICE MAY 23 and 24.

Leave Chatham May 23, 4.15 p.m., changing cars at Blenheim Junction.

Leave Chatham, May 25th, 7.20 a.m., direct to Rondeau.

Leave Rondeau May 25th, 8.15 a.m., change at Blenheim Junction.

Leave Rondeau May 25th, 5 p.m., direct to Chatham.

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Township Councils.

HARWICH COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of Harwich Council was held in Township Hall on Monday, May 11th, 1903, at 10 a.m. Members all present. The minutes of meeting of April 13th, read and adopted.

Communications were read from the following: Thos. Brady, re drainage or repair of Rooney drain; J. H. Steen re contracts of bridge work, etc.; W. G. McGeorge in regard to re-staking Pinder drain; Jas. Hutchison, stating could not accept the office of pound-keeper; town of Blenheim, in reference to repair of McArthur drain and Middle Level Tap drain; E. North Co., re cement, sewerpipe for Township use; L. E. & D. R. R. in regard to McGregor D. & W. and levelling of roadway.

Moved by Buchanan and McCormick, that the tender of the Blenheim Township of Ward 1 with power to have repairs made, J. Liddy agreeing to do one-half of said repairs.—Carried.

Moved by Buchanan and McCormick, that a committee composed of the reeve and the mover be appointed to meet a committee of the Blenheim council re the matter of cleaning out drains leading into Harwich.—Carried.

Moved by Buchanan and McCormick, that the complaint of Jas. Liddy be left in the hands of the commissioner of Ward 1 with power to have repairs made, J. Liddy agreeing to do one-half of said repairs.—Carried.

J. McCormick tendered \$5 from Frank Pels toward the keep of S. Pels at Hospital.

Moved by Bentley and Campbell, that the sum of \$5 be received from Frank Pels and the amount paid to the treasurer to apply on keep of S. Pels in St. Joseph's Hospital.—Carried.

A large number of accounts were ordered paid. W. G. McGeorge, C. E., presented his award on the R. L. Smyth, D. & W., also his report, plans, etc., on the Howard, Duke and Doyle drains, together with his account for same.

Moved by Buchanan and McCormick, that the Engineer's reports on the Howard and Duke drains be accepted and the Clerk prepare by-laws on the said drains for the next meeting of this Council.—Carried.

Nathan Norton and 29 others presented a petition asking the Council to take some action to relieve their lands from the floods that annually destroy their crops and property.

Moved by McCormick and Campbell, that the petition of N. Horton and 29 others, asking the Council to take some action to relieve their lands from the floods which annually destroy their crops and fences, be received, and that the consideration of the matter be laid over for one month to give other ratepayers affected a chance to state their objections.—Carried.

Council adjourned.
GEO. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

VICTORIA DAY, ST. THOMAS, VIA L. E. & D. R. R.

Special train will leave Chatham May 23rd and 25th, at 7.05 a.m. for St. Thomas and London, returning arrive at Chatham 8.40 p.m.

TERIAN CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

For general assembly Presbyterian church in the United States, May 21st to June 2nd, the Union-Southern Pacific will sell very much reduced round trip tickets to Los Angeles going via New Orleans or via Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco, returning same or diverse route. As this is an open route, it will give the public and delegates to the Presbyterian assembly at Vancouver in June an opportunity to attend that convention returning.

Tickets on sale May 2nd and May 11th to 17th inclusive, good for return until July 15th. Liberal stop-over privileges going and returning. For rates and further information, address H. F. Carter, T. P. A., Union Pacific B. R. 14 James Building, Toronto, Ont.

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12 1-2c and 15c muslins and dimities at 10c yard—600 yards lovely printed American dimities and imported dress muslins, beautiful designs, fast colors, and dark shades, extra well made, large range of styles, suitable for waist, dress or sacque, regular 12 1-2c to 15c qualities, clearing Saturday at 10c.

Dress muslins at 15c yard—Over 40 different styles to select from, beautiful styles and colorings, also rich mercedized foulards and satens, worth up to 25c a yard, your pick at 15c.

French organdies and fine muslins—The handsomest goods in the market, fine sheer qualities, printed in beautiful designs and colorings, fast dyes, large range of styles to select from, at a yard 50c, 35c and 25c.

Fancy stripe ginghams—Fine American make, in large range of choice stripes, warranted colors, large range to select from, the kind you usually pay 12 1-2c a yard for, at 10c.

1,000 yards heavy, wide print—in large range of light and dark colors, guaranteed fast dyes, full range of patterns to select from, special price at 10c.

Plain chambrays—Fine soft finish qualities, guaranteed colors in oxford, sky, pink, Oxford, navy and cardinal, special at a yard 10c, 12 1-2c and 15c.

40c table linen at 28c yard—3 pieces extra heavy cream table damask, wide width, firm weave, choice patterns, regular 40c a yard, special Saturday at 28c.

Five pieces moleskin cottonade—Medium weight, fine soft finish, in neat stripe designs, regular 18c a yard, clearing Saturday at 12 1-2c.

Men's \$10 suits at \$7.48—43 only men's fine pure wool tweed suits, splendid range of patterns in medium and dark shades, extra well made, fine Italian linings, sizes 34 to 42 inches, regular \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10, your pick Saturday at \$7.48.

Window shades at 25c—10 dozen window shades, good strong cloth, in five colorings, full size, mounted on rollers, complete at each 25c.

\$2.00 lace curtains at \$1.38—40 pairs fine Nottingham lace curtains, full size, this season's choicest patterns, a few slightly soiled, overlook edges, regular \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 curtains, clearing Saturday at \$1.38.

Visit Our Carpet Department if you want the Best Values in the City.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Boys' Wash Suits at 75c. Each—A special purchase of these enables us to sell fine galatea Duck Drill Linen and Fancy Wash Suits, neatly made, very pretty styles and colorings, handsomely trimmed, all years to ten years, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, at 75c.

Boys' Shirt Waists, See These—Fine Percelle and Cambric Shirts, perfect fitting, separate or attached collars, choice range of natty patterns and colorings, sizes 4 years to 12 years, special at each 75c and 50c.

Another Big Ribbon Bargain—800 yards ribbons in fancy stripes, polka dots, plain taffetas and soft satin ribbons, in every desirable color, 4 inch to 7 inch wide, regular price up to 50c a yard; our Holiday Price 15c.

Millinery Snaps—25 Doz. Beautiful Roses and other flowers, large variety to select from, regular value up to 75c, each, Saturday at 25c.

\$3.00 Outing Hats at \$1.49—38 only, Outing Hats, all this season's latest New York fashions, styles and colorings to suit everybody, regular \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00; your pick Saturday at \$1.49.

Trimmed Hats at \$3.00 each—You wouldn't consider them too high priced if we asked \$5.00 for them. A table of latest styles in Trimmed Summer Hats, a generous variety of styles specially prepared for the holiday trade; your pick at \$3.00.

Ladies' 15c. Hose at 12 1-2c. a Pair—40 Doz. Pair Ladies' 40-gauge, fine black cotton hose, full fashioned, elastic top, seamless feet, double heels and toes, the best 15c. Hose in the city to-day, selling Saturday at a pair 12 1-2c.

Children's Hose, the same quality and style as above, guaranteed fast black, double heels and toes, sizes 5 to 7 1-2 in., a pair 10c.

Ladies' Fancy Hose, lace stripes, embroidered, drop stitch, and polka dots, best Hermsdorf black dye, full fashioned, seamless feet, sizes 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, special a pair 25c.

Ladies' Imported Lisle Hose, extra values at a pair 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c.

Ladies' Vests 5c. Each—50 Doz. Ladies' Vests, elastic knit, finished yokes, assorted sizes, at each 5c.

Ladies' Vest—(Half-sleeves, long sleeves or sleeveless, cream and white, prettily trimmed, assorted sizes, the best values in Canada, at each 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c and 25c.

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HORSE ASTRAY

Lost, strayed or stolen, dark chestnut sorrel horse, Thursday night, the 14th of May, 1903, height about 15 hands, age 7 years, weight about 1,000 lbs., travels a little stiff in front, and when standing he is restless on his feet. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the horse at the Rankin House, Chatham, or on the farm on lot 4, 4th concession, Raleigh township, George Rossell, Prop., Fletcher, 6d2w.

Court of Revision—Township of Dover.

Notice is hereby given that Dover Township Council will hold its first sitting as a Court of Revision at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 26th, 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to hear appeals and appeals made against the assessment rolls for 1903, and to revise the same.

JOHN WELSH,
Township Clerk,
Chatham P. O.

NEW Tinsmith and Plumbing SHOP.

The undersigned has opened out a Tinsmithing and Plumbing Shop on 4th Street, nearly opposite the Catholic Church, where he is prepared to do all kinds of tinsmithing and plumbing. Estimates cheerfully given.

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NOTICE, COURT OF REVISION

The first sitting of the Court of Revision on the Township of Chatham and Gore Assessment Roll for the year 1903 will be held at the Township of Chatham Hall on Monday, the 1st day of June, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

A. MCARTHUR,
Township Clerk.