

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

HOW THEY STAND.

According to the Toronto World the parties now stand this way:

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.
Ontario.....	34	54	4
Quebec.....	57	7	1
Prince Edward Island.....	3	2	1
Nova Scotia.....	15	5	0
New Brunswick.....	9	5	0
Manitoba.....	2	3	2
Northwest Territories.....	4	0	0
British Columbia.....	3	2	1

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Liberal majority in Quebec over Con-

servative and Independent..... 49

Conservative majority in Ontario over

Liberal..... 20

Liberal majority over Conservative

and Independent..... 41

Liberal majority over Conservative..... 49

The eight Independents are:—Ontario—

McCarthy (Simcoe North), McEwen

(Huron North), Robinson (Elgin W.),

Thornton (Durham W.); Quebec—Gir-

ard (Chicoutimi and S.); Manitoba—Put-

tice (Winnipeg), Richardson (Légar); British

Columbia—Smith (Vancouver). Oliver and

Douglas, of the Territories, though profess-

ing to be Independents, are really straight

Liberals.

In Ontario the Globe claims McCarthy

and McEwen as Liberals, and gives Robinson

and Thornton as Conservatives. We

have given the four Independent.

AFRICAN HORRORS.

W. Stamps Cherry, who left his home in Chicago in the summer of 1896; is now on his way to his home in America, having experienced, in the heart of Africa, adventures more thrilling in many respects than those of Livingstone or Stanley.

For four years Mr. Cherry has been living among the Congo natives. He has been their companion, friend, leader, and instructor. He says he has made important geographical and anthropological discoveries, which he has reserved for the Geographical Society of America.

Starting at Mandini, on the west coast of Africa, in August, 1896, Mr. Cherry went up the Congo river as far as Stanley Pool by caravan. At Brazzaville, in the French Congo, he was held up by the authorities for having firearms without permission. His weapons and cartridges, which practically constituted his outfit, were temporarily confiscated by the French Government officials. He went into the service of the French Government, and applied his engineering education to putting together a steamer which Captain Marchand had taken inland for use on the Upper Nile.

While working at Bangui, further up the Congo, for Marchand, Mr. Cherry gained some insight into the gentle methods of French colonization. A tribal rising was in progress. The French had captured a number of prisoners. Of these several men and women escaped. Three of the women and seven of the men were recaptured, tried by court-martial, and condemned to death. The three women, naked, blindfolded, were stood up before a handful of Senegalese soldiers. They knew what was coming, and faced it with heroism. They were not Amazons, merely domesticated wives, who obtained food for their husbands and children, and who grew weary of captivity. The Senegalese fired, the women fell, riddled with bullets. A French soldier stepped over their bodies, putting a bullet into each of their brains, and ended their writhing agonies.

Leaving the service of the French Government, after having his arms restored to him, Cherry went from Bangui with natives in a canoe to the mouth of the M'Bomu river, past rapids, over them, and more often than not into them, until he came to the territory of Bangassou, one of the greatest of the N'goua chiefs in the Congo basin.

Cherry's photographs of this gentleman show him to be a gross and sensual personage as can well be imagined, yet he rules with a rod of iron many thousands of persons. The day of Cherry's arrival Bangassou had been indulging in a raid upon a neighboring tribe, with the result that 3,000 men, women and children had been captured and brought to Bangassou as slaves. Cherry personally counted 3,000; how many more there were he is unable to say.

In addition to these slaves Bangassou's warriors brought back with them hundreds of human heads, trophies of their prowess. At night a great banquet was prepared. The heads of the slain were boiled and the brains were eaten. Afterwards the skulls were piled in heaps, stuck on tree branches, and otherwise put in places where they could be seen and adored, for, Cherry says, no fetish is more in favor among the natives than the human skull.

The menu, however, was not entirely dependent upon skulls. Baskets of human flesh, well smoked, were carried around and devoured. Bangassou, by the way, has 1,800 wives, and is a staunch ally of the French Government.

"Among the characteristics of the new tribes their funeral rites are, per-

DON'T COUGH

Stop it with Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

A little coughing is nothing—the tickling, that makes you cough once, is some dust; not the least harm. You scratch an itch, and forget it. This cough is scratching an itch.

But the cough, that hangs on and comes back, is the sign of an itch that hangs on and comes back. There is something that makes that itch.

Inflammation a germ perhaps; it's alive; like a seed in moist warm ground; it will grow if you let it, especially in children.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.

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hips, the most curious. Instead of weeping or dancing after death, the mourners proceed to turn somersaults, and keep it up until their strength is exhausted. One of the weirdest spectacles I ever saw was on going into a village where all the inhabitants were engaged in this strange rite.

"The new species of elephant I found is curious. So far as I know, it has never been classified, yet it is quite different from the ordinary animal. These pigmy elephants have no tusks, however old they live to be. They go in herds of about fifty, and are far more cunning than the larger and more common animal. They are uncommonly keen of hearing, and otherwise are unlike the elephant as he is known in natural history."

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Orders should be placed early—Christmas is but a few weeks away, and this season we will double last year's sales. First, because our customers last year were delighted, and found our cake as good, in fact better, than represented. Secondly, because we bought our fruit largely at inside figures before the last tremendous jump in prices, enabling us to sell at last year's price, 25c per lb.

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Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

Ex-Premier Hardy got his check the other day on the bank. It looks as if Premier Ross would get his in the present Welland bye-election.

Is it wisdom or gratitude which leads Portugal to stick to Great Britain? Nearly a century ago she had some experience in that line, and it cost the first Napoleon an empire.

The members of the Conservative party in the Quebec legislature can now be like the American army, all colonels. By the time they select a leader, a deputy leader, and a couple of whips there will only be one man left for the rank and file.

If the school book monopolists contributed to ex-Premier Hardy's \$12,000 check, we suppose we may as well get ready to purchase another newly authorized but unnecessary text book at double prices. The hangers-on of the Ross government do not do these open-hearted things for nothing.

No doubt as a result of the Banner-News kicking, the watering carts came out yesterday and turned King street into a skating rink. The chairman of the board of works and engineer should use their own judgment and not mind our esteemed contemporary. It has a reputation for erratic grumbling to maintain, and is apparently trying to live up to it.

This country isn't in any particular need of Sunday papers, but these proposed prosecutions for selling them raise this peculiar point, why is it religiously inclined people object to them instead of to the Monday morning papers? It is the latter that involve the Sunday work. The labor on Sunday papers is almost wholly done during the week and on Saturday nights. The Monday morning paper is the product of Sunday work. While mentioning this interesting fact, the Planet is not at all advising Sunday papers by any means, simply because they are not necessary. The employees of newspapers are physically better off for one day's rest in seven, and it is a calling in which they may have it without inconveniencing the public. But if the Planet were exercised over the question on religious grounds it could not conscientiously object to a Sunday morning paper, it would have to protest against the Monday morning one.

GAVE UP HIS WIFE.

Finale of a strange Case in Benton Harbor.

Benton Harbor, Mich., December 13.—The marriage of Roger Morgan, president of the Hepper-Morgan Paper Co., and Sadie Pappas at noon yesterday closed a domestic episode of long standing. Morgan is a son of President Morgan, of the national paper trust, and is worth millions.

One year ago he came to this city and formed an attachment for Mrs. Pappas, whose husband agreed to release her from the marriage that she might become the millionaire's wife. Morgan paid Mrs. Pappas's fare to California and during her absence secured a divorce for her.

It is understood that the divorced husband will marry the daughter of a Chicago millionaire.

WALLACEBURG.

A. D. Brandt is confined to the house through illness. We are pleased to hear that he is somewhat better.

The revival services have closed for the present in the Methodist church. George Dabie, who has been in Cleveland, Ohio, for some time past has arrived home on Monday evening.

NORTH BUXTON.

Sunday, Dec. 9th was missionary Sunday at Green Bush church, and a large audience listened attentively to an able address from the pastor, Rev. J. C. Reid, B. A., of Merion. The service was very impressive in as much as it was novel. We were also much pleased to have the assistance of Wesley choir, who rendered excellent music. After the service, a collection and subscription was taken up amounting to \$13.80.

Hurray! for Green Bush Xmas tree Dec. 19th. A good program is being prepared.

A very happy event took place on the 12th inst. by which Wm. Haskell and Miss Edna Hacker were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. We wish them every success.

Secure your Xmas presents from C. H. Shupe, North Buxton. A large and varied assortment of choice presents are being shown.

A GIFT TO GIVE.

It is often difficult to decide what to get your friends for holiday gifts. Here is a suggestion: "Good morning, Jennie, I have brought you a nice present," said Gertrude, as she handed her friend a neatly wrapped package. The pale, weary looking girl, who was slowly recovering from severe illness, opened the bundle and held up a large bottle of clear, rich medicine. "Hood's Sarsaparilla," she exclaimed. "I have been reading about it today and wished I had a bottle."

On New Year's Day Jennie was able to be out on the street, and to her friends who remarked how well she was looking she simply said, "Hood's Sarsaparilla," and every one of them knew it was this great medicine that had given back her health.

The Canadian Annual for 1901, devoted to artistic illustrations, stories, humors, statistics and valuable information, and that sell for twenty-five cents, will be sent to every paid up subscriber to The Weekly Planet on February 1st.

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