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TO SUBSCRIBERS IN CHATHAM.

SCRIBERS OUTSIDE OF CHATHAM. paper fails to arrive regularly, or if ye est a better connection, or a better rou muunicate with the circulation depa

SATURDAY, DEC. 14.

"Life in Real: Life is Karnest."

Fifty years ago to-day The Weekly was supplemented by the initial issue over half a century, The Planet has of The Daily Planet.

erests of half a century and embrac- the Dominion of Canada. experiences of daily journalism, may, perchance, be pardoned, if, upon the

is emphatically a move-on

In these times nothing is more clear than that institutions and individube well up with the procession." not be that

"To falter would be sin."

it would at all events, be to fall out of the ranks and drop by the waytrine of the survival of the fittest.

the front with proud aim of being peared semi-occasionally under different cognomens, fitfully edited and none of its class in the Dominion. It strong Conservative leanings.

With no disposition to unduly exult, it may be said that The Planet turns same name. The Advertiser was are as they have always been-Liber- natural for the young to sing and it the present milestone with a feeling shortly afterwards purchased, edited al-Conservative-for the best interests is much easier to learn in youth. It of genuine pride, and it is the earnest and printed by Mr. Jesse W. Rose, of Canada; protecting, sustaining and seems to us that the scarcity of firstintention that, in the future, this once M. P. P. for the County of Dundeveloping its agricultural, mechanical class vocalists lies in the fact that journal shall be more than ever a both of whom are now deceased. By which now tend, or may hereafter these gentlemen Advertiser No. 2 was tend, to build up and enlarge the inin the Maple City, the County of Kent | kept alive for a few years, when The fluence of "this Canada of Ours."

Retrospective.

Fifty years ago The Planet first country was but sparsely settled and "Chatham Town," as it was then call- lished by Mr.-now, Sheriff-J. R. ed, possessed not more than one-half Gemmill, whose sterling personality, the population of a single incorpor-ated village now in the County of ential and successful newspaper, pos-

There were no railways then in the entelle. western district. There was no telegraph, no telephone, no street cars, ated its daily issue, Mr. Gemmill still its of three counties - Essex, Kent | S. Brierley, now of the Montreal flerand Lambton. And District Councils ald, assuming the duties of business had only just been done away with; manager. Associated with Messrs and the County of Kent had only just Gemmill and Brierley at this time was herself. Judge Wm. B. Wells had Woodstock Sentinef-Review, In '97 Mr. been appointed to administer justice, Genmill resigned the editorial chair and Captain. Glendenning - an old of our contemporary upon accepting Waterloo veteran - was appointed to a popular and well-deserved appoint-

Town of Chatham.

The town of Chatham was newly inrporated and its ratepayers sent ive councillors to the municipal most esteemed members. oard to represent the people's inter- A little over a year ago the Banner will be promptly dealt with.

ests there. The County Council con- came under its present manager sisted of eleven members, George and its name was extended to embrace architect of the then new court house contemporary across the street. and gaol. Mr. Archibald McKellar, Then there is the Chatham Marke the Parliament of Upper and Lower ris 'to-day brighter and better than Canada. There was no Dominion of ever. Canada in those days-hardly a united Upper and Lower Canada, so bitter were the feuds between these two

The Planet's Growth.

But the country continued to progress, and The Chatham Planet prospered with the country. From a Weekly publication it grew into a Semi-Weekly, in which form it appeared with the unvarying regularity of the sun for about two years, when the Tri-Weekly Planet entered the newspaper world, and the publication of the Weekly Planet was resumed. This was in the year 1853.

In 1891 The Daily Planet was established and supplanted the Tri-Weekly edition and, from that time until the present, the daily and weekly editions of The Planet have been sent out to their subscribers and patrons with alprecision of clock-work. sea-ten years ago to-day it. During all this long period, extending steadily increased in circulation and And a publication possessing the influence, until to-day it occupies a valued associations and historical in- side of our metropolitan centres in

Early Papers.

The Chatham Journal of 1841-44, anniversary of its birth, it indulges the late Joseph Woods, Esq., who was service in every way complete and in a passing personal hand-shake with elected M. P. P., has long since passthe thousands of kindly patrons, -to ed away. So has the cleverly edited whom it pays tribute for so much of Chatham Gleaner, which lived during its splendid past and satisfactory there came into existence, through the influence of the late Hon. Malcolm Baldwin-Hincksite advocate, which in tributors the late Dr. A. R. Robertals alike, if they aim to live and suc- McCrae, and the late Mr. Rufus Stesed, are, as the phrase goes, "bound phenson. The same year The Chronsigle, which lived but a short time, was started and died, its proprietor, Mr. Chas, Dolsen, going to California with other "49ers."

About the time the Kent Advertiser ceased to exist, or a few months before, The Planet made its appearside, or under foot, and be crushed by ance, and for a short period was the utilized to the fullest extent. Its the moving mass-in either case a only newspaper published in the Town striking illustration of the great doc- of Chatham or in the County of Kent -indeed, we might say in the three though in the latter county the Sar-ture. It will be our earnest aim to nized as a type of "the fittest" in a Shield was printed for a short canadian journalism. It has kept its place well in the fore for many a place well in the fore for many a Sandwich, too, had a paper which appear to year. Now it is moving farther to shoulder to shoulder with the bravest contributed to by the late Albert Peland best among them all. It is lew Salter, Chas. Wiggins, and othequipped, mechanically, second to ers, all of whom, politically, had very

business conduct is on lines at once destroyed by fire-Mr. John S. Vossolid, safe and satisfying to all pat- burg, son-in-law of the late Dr. Bakview.

Qur "Contem."

And then - in January, 1865, - the Chatham Weekly Banner was estabsessing a large and satisfactory cli-

In April, 1894, the Banner inaugurelectric transport within the lim- presiding as managing editor, Mr. J. up house-keeping, as it were, for also Mr. J. F. MacKay, now of the

Duck, Sr., Esq., being chosen to be the hyphenated suffix "News." The Kent's first Warden. George Young, Banner-News blossomed into a lively Esq. afterwards Warden, was the youngster and is now our esteemed

late sheriff at Hamilton, was Reeve Guide, a bright weekly publication of Chatham Town. Mr. Geo. Brown- from the pen of that able journalist, the late Hon.-then editor of the Tor- Mr. W. E. Hamilton, B. A., which has onto Globe, was Member for Kent in had an existence of many years and

The Planet's Aim.

There have been other papers which we might mention as having had a ing f Buy a pair of rubber boots. brief career in this city - for instance, the Tribune, published by Mr. W. R. Dobbyn and resuscitated by Mr. Anderson However, of all these The maintains the lead in every respect, Planet. and it is the firm determination of those in control of it that it shall continue to keep that position.

Prospective.

The Chatham of to-day, with its splendid public buildings; its elegant and attractive stores; its broad and well-laid streets and shady avenues its many magnificent private residences; its thriving manufactories; its thousand and one characteristics which give it the veritable city-like air and impress the visitor with its substantial prosperity, and the vitality and vim of its business existence going has been written.

To-day The Planet caters to one of the finest constituencies in America. which supported the candidature of It aims to supply its patrons with a

Climbing Upward. The Planet has progressed-and it the years from 1844 to 1848, when will continue to progress. It is a is a timely one, for the contraction, source of satisfaction to compare The although a common one, is in execra-Planet of to-day with The Planet of ble taste.-Montreal Star. Cameron, the Kent Advertiser, a a half century ago. A decade back, at the inauguration of The Daily its time had among its editorial conployes, including correspondents and son, Mr. Geo. Duck, Jr., Hon. Walter carrier boys. To-day its employes number 116. They are all engaged in the various departments of the news-tractive characteristics which compaper, the extensive show printing bine to make the issue an especially and job work and the book bindery.

And the rapid and permanent de-

velopment of The Planet has but fired its ambitions for greater achievements. New and improved equipment has recently been added and will be and its staff increased.

counties, Essex, Kent and Lambton, be done to a greater extent in the fushall be grudged towards this great cil in dealing with it next year end.

The Planet's Policy.

The Planet will devote itself wholeheartedly to the development and population. Why not cultivate this prosperity of the large district which in the proper manner by the teaching But from the ashes of the Kent Ad- it serves, to the betterment of exist- in the proper manner by the teachis capably manned throughout. Its vertiser-for the establishment was ing conditions and to the public weal, law provides for it and there is no expatiate to any great length. The ed from, engaging a special teacher. er, then of the Kingston Whig, position of this journal is unmistak. The present competent coterie of inbrought up to Chatham type and is- ably defined. Suffice it to say, how- structors would soon make a success das, and his son, Mr. Colin H. Rose, cal, commercial and all other interests the natural gifts are not developed in

and this whole grand western section Union, printed by Mr. W. H. Thomp- The Planet believes that this Do- tor Park, whose energetic interest in son, and edited by Elder Richardson minion has a great and grand desand Mr. Robt. Cameron, appeared. tiny before it, and in the near future, ment of school work is fully recognize This journal quickly dissolved from too; and that it only requires that ed, the advisability of including sing-Canadians-whether natural born or ing upon the time-table in our schools, naturalized-no matter what may be their-creed or complexion-no matter ter what may have been their former nationality or partiality-should now join hands together and firmly stand shoulder to shoulder for Canada and

Our Country-First, Last and Al-

"Young giants of the North and West,
The nations hail your birth;
Your heritage is of the best
That e'er was claimed on carth;
Firm as your hills, bright as your streams.
Your glory shall become.
And realize hope's brightest dreams
In Canada our home."

The Grand Jury presentment subty-an appointment which did the County Court sessions recommends, Government much credit—and Cana- in response to the criticisms of the dian journalism lost from the active presiding judge, that the county con-

your Christmas shopping early.

The title "C.O.D. contingent" seem likely to stick and permanently advertise the methods of the Government.

It may seem somewhat inconsis deal of this Chili talk is just bot air.

Every ratepayer is going to have a chance to give the city a big boost by voting for the Welland-Vale Co. by law on Jan. 6.

Yes, this kind of weather makes us think of the snow by-law and won-der-but what's the use of wonder-

Permit us to draw attention to the splendid series of Christmas articles Planet now, as ever since its first is. | contributed by enterprising merchants sue was placed before the public, still to the advertising columns of to-day's

> The much-prolonged County Court case of Gardiner vs. Hillman has at last reached an end. And the result to all concerned seems to be - that horses come high.

The London Free Press to-day issued a natty illustrated Christmas supplement to its regular edition. Forest City contemporary does things able one

If a word from President Roo -the Chatham of to-day is very far, velt would stop the war, that word indeed, removed; from the old-time should be written on a post-card addressed to the fighting Boers.—Toronto Telegram Quite so. A word to the unwise, as

> In Bad Taste.-The Hamilton Spec tator says: "Don't write it 'Xmas.' Have respect enough for the Saviour to write His name in full." The hint

The Mail and Empire is issuing special Christmas supplement, in which the story of Christmastide is told in eleven different languages-a

In an interview with this great home journal to-day Mr. Arch. Park warmly advocates the paving of the business facilities have been extended leading into the city. A Proposal of this character was submitted to the What has been done in the past can Council in a practical form by ex-Ald. W. E. McKeough last year. It is a splendid one and we trust Mr.

The Maple City is a musical centre with a music-loving and appreciating Politically, it is needless for us to necessity for, or advantage to be gainmatter and would suggest to Inspecthe all-round progress and develop-

what may have been their antecedents rush of work the large presses of The as regards family or fortune-no mat- Planet have been taxed to their utmost this week and for the past two days this great home journal has been compelled to issue in six-column form. The Planet is running off a the Great Empire of which we form a special Christmas edition of 15,206 eight-page or 7,600 sixteen-page papers and has carefully compiled from the voters' lists of Kent and Bothwell a complete schedule of names for mailing. This has entailed an immense amount of additional work, but as a result every farm home in the two constituencies will receive free copy of what, we submit, is one the West. The labor involved in putting out this edition has been enorhe Clerk of the First Division Court ment to the shrievalty of Kent Coun- mitted at 'yesterday's sittings of the mous, but it is most cheerfully given as an earnest of our anxiety to serve ranks one of its ablest exponents and stabulary be reorganized on business firmly establish our claim as the lines. It is hoped that the suggestion Great Home Journal of the Western Peninsula.

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