

The Planet

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THURSDAY, MAY 21.

MAY 25TH A HOLIDAY.

A Canadian proclamation, issued on the 25th of October, 1902, fixed May 25th as the day upon which the King's birthday should be observed in the Dominion in 1903, and all persons were required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. This statement is made because of doubt which has arisen in some of the provinces owing to the terms of the Imperial proclamation of last year. The proclamation in question fixed May 30th as the date for the celebration in England, but specified November 6th as the date for the military celebrations at foreign stations. This, however, only applied to last year. For the present year the observance, as already stated, is to take place on May 25th. In the United Kingdom June 25th will be observed as the King's birthday. An Imperial proclamation calling for a military display on a certain day does not interfere with Canada's right to fix a holiday to suit herself.

EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER.

There can be no doubt that Hon. J. R. Stratton will be recalled to explain the extraordinary statement made by The Globe reporter.

This statement has, so far, gone unchallenged by the most violent of the Liberal press. It is accepted as a fact that Hon. J. R. Stratton asked Mr. M. O. Hammond to forget some suspicious circumstances connected with The Globe interview.

The evidence of The Globe reporter is far-reaching. It throws a doubt on every word of testimony offered by the Provincial Secretary. To request a witness to forget some things, was equivalent to asking him to perjure himself. If Hon. J. R. Stratton did not hesitate to ask another man to commit perjury, he is not above perjury himself.

What becomes of the whole fabric of negation offered by Mr. Stratton, if he used the words credited to him by Mr. M. O. Hammond of The Globe? His whole evidence is discredited, and the Provincial Secretary is made a party to the suppression of embarrassing evidence.

When R. R. Gage made his charges in the Legislature, we heard a great deal about the anxiety of the ministry to investigate them. From Hon. G. W. Ross down, there was affected a wild desire to probe the charges to their lowest depths. Yet, according to The Globe reporter, while the ministers were making this display of righteousness before the public, Hon. J. R. Stratton was doing his utmost to suppress embarrassing evidence.

Unless Hon. J. R. Stratton can offer a satisfactory explanation of the request he made of M. O. Hammond, his repudiation of R. R. Gage's charges is not worth the paper it is written on. It is also reasonable to suppose that, if Mr. Stratton asked The Globe reporter to perjure himself, he made the same request of other witnesses. Mr. Hammond was strong enough and honest enough to resist the persuasions of Hon. J. R. Stratton. It is not certain that other witnesses were similarly fortified. Explanations are in order, and these explanations Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge should demand forthwith.

Their Lordships recalled R. R. Gage to explain the deposit of \$900 in the Ontario Bank. The deposit of that sum was a trivial affair, compared with the alleged conversation that took place between M. O. Hammond and Hon. J. R. Stratton. The Provincial Secretary should be asked to enter the witness box again, and the same request should be made of Cap. Sullivan.—Toronto World.

In a kindly and brotherly spirit we would enquire if the editor of The Chatham Planet is off fishing. — St. Thomas Journal.

Alas, no. His time is monopolized in duly preparing and equipping himself for the arduous task of spending a couple of long days in benighted St. Thomas, where the regimental boys await that hamlet next week.

THE "ACTING MANAGER."

Hamilton Spectator.

Ross was away in England. Alex. Smith has been secretary of the Liberal Association for a dozen years. D. A. Jones swears that when he wrote Gage on the 16th of August last about "the present acting manager," he meant Alex. Smith!

STRATTON'S RECEPTIONAL

Toronto World.

Far called, the swearers melt away; Into oblivion sinks the liar; The judges' pomp of yesterday Is one with Nineveh and Tyre; But Stratton's words are with us yet, "Can't you forget? Can't you forget?"

Cause and Effect

When you feel unnaturally chilly;
When your back aches with a dull pain;
When your bowels are inactive, or when the kidney secretions are not normal;
When you have puffiness under the eyes or in the ankles or wrists;
When flying pains bother you;

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The standard kidney regulator and tonic. It is more than probable your kidneys are affected. You must have them restored to healthful action or your ills will increase. Bu-Ju will do this for you as no other agent can. A trial will convince.

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BLOOMFIELD.

Mr. Nichols and Mr. Campbell visited our Sunday school on Sunday last. Mr. Campbell taught the Bible Class, to the satisfaction of all, after which Mr. Nichols gave a very helpful address. Miss Flora Hitchcock sang the beautiful solo, "Face to Face." Mr. Nichols gave a very interesting sketch of the author, who was a blind woman in Philadelphia. Next Sunday is the 24th and we expect to have special exercises, and we heartily invite all the old scholars to be present.

Mrs. Geo. Cook returned home from the hospital and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. Maine.

A. M. Fleming is home from the hospital, very much improved in health.

E. Wells has secured a lucrative position as penman in the Practical Business College, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, and will leave July 1st to commence work in the summer school teachers, in connection with the college. The family will not go until September.

Miss Waldron, of Wallaceburg, is the guest of Mrs. Wells.

DOVER.

Owing to the dry weather some of the farmers are unable to work the corn land.

The Busy Bees of Bear Line held an ice cream social at Mr. Chapple's. It was a grand success, clearing over \$15.

The Ladies Assisting Society and Willing Workers, of Richmond, will give a picnic on June 4th to be held in Mr. McKellar's woods.

A young gentleman of this Township went up the river fishing but only had the luck to bring home one small fish.

Bert McCallum has nearly recovered from the small-pox.

The Busy Bees and Ladies Aid of Hind's church will give their annual picnic on June 17th.

Mr. Lennox is all smiles these days over the advent of a new daughter.

Geo. Decow had a serious operation last week. He had an ugly growth removed from his lip.

"Prizes" with common soaps are dearly paid for at the expense of clothes and hands.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar.

ZION CORNERS.

Mr. E. Tyhurst, of Leamington, and E. D. Mitton, of Ridgetown, were the guests of Mr. T. Tyhurst on Tuesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Alex. Chinis was held on Wednesday, May 13th, at the home of Mr. James Chinis, 6th concession, Harwich. A large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place, Maple Leaf cemetery.

Mr. Robert Corkell and sister were the guests of the Misses Tucks on Sunday.

The concert given by the ladies of



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You can't help showing a pleasant expression when you come to inspect our daily feast of superlatively good things. We would like to make a picture of them for you, but it is 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 qualities 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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Forbes church on Wednesday evening May 13th, was a decided success. Miss Lena Young, of Zion Epworth League, acted as chairman.

Mr. G. H. Noble read the topic for Zion League at the local union, May 15th, and Miss Lena Young answered to the roll call.

There is every appearance of an abundance of fruit in this vicinity; trees are loaded with blossoms.

Mrs. John Tuck is very low. No hopes of her recovery.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

WANTED.

GIRLS WANTED—For dining room at Hotel Garner.

WANTED—Three smart girls at Taylor's Woolen Mills.

WANTED—Pastry Cook, at the Garner House. Apply at once.

WANTED—Competent men to appoint agents, whole or spare time. Commission paid. Apply John Doyle, Drawer 531, London.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; no washing; good wages. Apply Mrs. Ridout, care Canadian Bank of Commerce, Walkerville, Ont.

MAN WANTED—Married, to work on a farm, good wages for a reliable man. Good house. Furnish references and apply to M. J. Wilson, near cemetery, Harwich, or to Art Dunn, Dunn & Merritt, Chatham.

WANTED—A good salesman wanted for selling machinery, etc., in the country; one who can speak French and English. Apply, addressing A. H. Patterson, Box 232, Chatham, Ont.

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Print, Percal, Muslin and Sateen.

Its downright extravagance for a woman to make a wrapper. That particular part of her wardrobe is here—ready to wear—for less money than she'd have to pay for the bare material, and each garment has a style and finish that are usually lacking in the one fashioned at home. Come in and see these and many others of which we have no room here to tell you about.

"SOMETHING FOR NOTHING"

Is what buyers of these handsome waists get. The "Something" is the extra style and beauty in make and design. You would ordinarily pay as much for commonplace, poorly made and poorly fitting waists as we ask you to pay for these—

At 75c. Fine White Muslin Waists, made with clusters of tucks and three rows fine Val. lace insertion and braiding down front, also tucks and braiding insertion on back, latest sleeve, fancy lace collar, sizes 32 to 40 in., special, each

At \$1.00 each, White Indian Muslin Waists, fine sheer quality, two rows wide Swiss embroidery insertion down front, clusters of large tucks down back, fancy hemstitched collar, all sizes, special, at each

At \$1.25 each, Fine French Batiste Waists, colors sky and pink, with white all-over embroidered fronts, in handsome designs, fine double-stitched tucks down back and sleeves, rows of hemstitching and tucks on collar and cuffs, fine pearl buttons, sizes 32 to 40 in., matchless value at

At \$1.50 each, Fine White Swiss muslin waists, made with clusters of fine pin tucks all-over front, back and sleeves, all-over tucks on collar and cuffs, a charming waist, at each

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