# The Planet.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

#### "GOD SAVE THE KING."

It is not an inspiring sight-and yet one woefully common in Chatham to see the audience, at the conclusion of any concert or theatrical performance, jump from their seats on the first bars of the National Anthem and inaugurate a hurried and promiscuous scramble for their wraps and the door.

And the most painful feature of the regular scuffle is its unanimity. Almost everyone seems irretrievably addicted to the disgraceful habit.

Thoughtlessness and mere force of habit are undoubtedly the cause of present conditions-and perhaps a serious word of suggestion is all that is needed to bring about the muchneeded reform.

The Planet hopes this may be the

The writer had the privilege of attending-with a couple of American friends-a patriotic concert in the old country during the earlier part of the South African war. When the people rose for the National Anthem at the conclusion, the visitors, according to their custom, grabbed their hats and were starting for the

An elderly Scottish matron, standing near by, turned upon them.
"Wthist!" she commanded indigmantly. "Dinna ye ken that God Save the Queen's a prayer?"

The loyal and reverent old lady would have her hands full in Chatham, wouldn't she?

#### AN ARMORY FOR CHATHAM.

A big impetus has been accorded the Maple City's citizen soldiers of the 24th Kent Regiment by the first Government grant of \$10,000 towards the erection of a large and handsome armory on Tecumsch Park, which was formally approved by Parliament yesterday.

The 24th Regiment is one of the

proudest and best advertisements Chatham to-day possesses, and the supplying of it with a good home will prove a great encouragement and inspiration.

The aim will be to include a first class gymnasium, reading rooms, band rooms, baths, etc., and to make our armory when completed one of the finest and best in the Province.

Chatham owes Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Mr. Geo. Stephens and Mr. James Clancy a hearty vote of thanks for their united efforts in this behalf. Operations on the new armory will likely be commenced at once.

# THE OROWN ATTORNEY.

The business-like, fearless straight-forward manner in which Mr. Herbert D. Smith assumed and is performing the duties of County Crown Attorney is a source of sinvere satisfaction to the entire community and of credit to the gentleman himself.

In the several somewhat intricate and politic cases which have recently demanded the attention and action of the Crown officer, the course of Mr. Smith has been invariably such as to command respect and confi-He has proved himself a -of the class that are, alas, too scarce in the ranks of provincial officialdom.

The Planet frankly confesses that it viewed the appointment of Mr. Smith at the time with disfavor and regret, and is, therefore, particularly pleased to have this opportunity of testifying to the high esteem and hearty confidence which his sturdy and straight-forward course has earned for him.

#### WELL DONE, 24TH!

"I am thoroughly satisfied with my inspection of the 24th Regiment -more than that, I congratulate them on the progress they have made during the past year. If they keep on as they are doing they will soon/be one of the crack regiments of the Dominion."

The foregoing was the comment of Colonel Peters, District Officer Commanding, in a short interview with The Planet at the conclusion of his inspection last evening.

Chitham is proud to hear this culogistic verdict. Her sons have done ther credit-and will continue to add to their success.

Chatham's citizen soldiery are proving themselves worthy. The regiment is composed of young men who carry themselves at home and abroad with credit to themselves and the hearted, It is not clear that a byetown they represent. They honor the election could not have been held un-King's uniform and strive to live up til the Legislative Assembly met, but

to its grand traditions. The warm words of praise and con-and been prorogued months ago, in gratulation from the District Officer Commanding will be an inspiration tigation, and that there still is no and encouragement to further ef- sign of a bye-election being ordered, fort, and the hearty and unanimous is indicative that all the pleas offer cheers fendered to Colonel Poters ed hitherto have been mere excusos

sion of the inspection bespoke the loyal enthusiasm which characterizes the whole corps. Well done, 24th!

#### THE TRAMP.

At the time of writing the authorities hold that the outraging and murder of little eight-year-old Irene Cole, of Brantford, was the dastardly work of a tramp. And there seems good ground for this conclusion.

Coming so soon after the Glory Whalen crime near Collingwood it will surely awaken Canadian justice to the necessity of vigorously stamping out this dangerous pest.

Canada has no room for idlers and ne'er-to-wells who travel around preying upon the public and committing depredations of a more or less heinous character.

There is lots of work for every embitious and active man in this grand country, but it is time these tramping idlers and scoundrels learned that they will not be tolerated Let swift, stern justice be meted out to every one of them.

#### PROFANITY.

Agitation to prevent cigarette moking. the use of strong drinks, spitting on the sidewalks and divers other things, are common in this country, but we have not heard of any attempt to gut a ban on profanity.

The pulpit declares against this evil, but there is no effort made to out the law on its trial.

The oaths and the filthy remarks one hears in a walk on the streets any city, Chatham included, show that the young men, and yes, a good many old men, have little respect for the Almighty or morality. It is a growing evil and something should be done to punish persons

who offend others by vile language. This is a free country, but freedom does not permit uncleanliness of language any more than the crimes that a free country marks down as

### THE THEATRICAL POSTER.

punishable.

The proposal of Parliament to exclude from exhibition posters depicting scenes of crime or violence is a good one-and not likely to be opposed by lovers of dramatic art.

Nothing is more disgusting to every ensibility of refinement than the coarse, suggestive and sensational exhibitions of this character which are from time to time permitted publi-

Chatham has suffered, in common with other places. Even this season a show calling itself "The Buffalo Mystery" polluted local bill-boards and store windows with a series of disgusting and disgraceful lithographs, to which reference was made in The Planet at the time. And, unless public sentiment is aroused and law-makers take action, such nuisances and emblems of yellow sensationalism may become as common here as in the slums of Yankeedom. "We first endure, then pity-then embrace."

#### THREE VACANT SEATS.

A sign that Liberals are becoming ashamed of the Ross Government's destrong man of courage and integrity lay in providing for an election in North Renfrew, vacant almost since the general election on May 29, 1902, the successful candidate having died a day or two later, is afforded by the following admission by the Brantford Expositor, edited by Mr. T. H. Preston, M. P. P .:-

"Mr. Whitney renews his complaint that the writ for a bye-election in North Renfrew has not yet been issued, despite the fact that the constituency has been disfranchised for a period of fifteen months. There is a considerable amount of justice in the complaint, but there is not quite so much blame to be attached to the government in connection with the matter as he seeks to make out, To begin with, owing to the manner in which the seat became vacant, it was impossible that any steps could be taken toward filling it until the legislative assembly met. After that the Gamey investigation began and afforded reasonable justification for some delay. However, without further discussing this particular case, there is much to be said in favor of the contention that the issue of election writs should be in the hands of some independent tribunal and that there should be no possibility of a constituency being disfranchised solely for the benefit of the party in

power." The Expositor's defence is halfthe fact that the Assembly has met and Lieut.-Col. Rankin at the conclu- and that the Ross Government are

deliberately disfranch'sing North Renfrew in order to prolong tham selves in power.

The constituencies of Muskoka and Sault Ste. Marie have also been vacant for a period much longer than is necessary. This makes three constituencies unrepresented in the Legislature-sufficient if they were to return Conservatives, which is possible, if not probable, to upset the Ross Government. To state that fact is expose the Government's motive.

We have to go back to troublous times under the Stuarts-two of whom lost their crowns for like oppressionfor precedents for Ross' arrogant misuse of power. As the Hamilton Herald (Independent) says:

"Are honest, square Liberals satisfied with such an explanation of the delay? Are they content to see our representative institutions flouted in this manner? Among the intelligent, fair-minded citizens there can be only one opinion regarding this disfranchisement of an Ontario constituency, and that opinion is that it is an unfair, an unjust and dangerous exercise of ministerial power and an infringement upon the right of the people to representation in the Legislature of the province."

#### MEN WANTED.

The Montreal Star, an independent newspaper, which fearlessly hits out from the shoulder wherever and whenever it believes there is good reason, in the interests of Canada, for so doing, no matter which political party may feel the effects of the blow, thus comments on the present political situation:

"What this country needs above all things in its public life is men of big ideas and big ideals; in a word, big men. Canadians of no very advanced age cannot fail to make frequent comparisons between the public men of the present and the public men of a not very distant past, when 'there were giants in the land.' How many men are there in Canadian publie life to-day who stand to represent a principle? There are a few, certainly, but they are few enough to make themselves conspicuous. When the Liberals defeated the Conservatives in 1896, the Liberal party posed before the country as reformers, as purists, as men whose chief purpose in life was to remedy wrongs, which, it must be admitted, existed at the time, and badly needed remedying. Whose fault was it that this splendid program has mot been carried out, that the wrongs have increased rather than diminished? Is it the fault of the leaders or of the rank and file? If the latter are deteremined upon a policy of chartermongering or any other form of corruption, it requires heroism in the leaders to carry out a policy of re-

"The spectacle now before the country, degrading as it is, will not be without redeeming features if it sets the electorate thinking about getting better men into parliament. is no reason either why the Liberals should do all the thinking on this subject. The great body of the elecors are pretty well convinced that as the rotation of crops is a good thing for the soil, so is the rotation of parties a good thing for the body politic, especially for the distruction of those noxious growths which flourish in every political regime unduly prolonged. If the Conservative party is to commend itself to the people when next it comes to power, it must have big men, men of big ideals to represent the constituencies. It is positively refreshing and and encouraging to meet, as one occasionally does in active public life, a man who has too much self-respect too much dignity, to call any man master, ready as he may be to defer to wise and experienced leadership Just as the Liberals are on trial now, the Conservatives will be on trial later on before the great jury of public opinion. They can see for themselves the misdeeds, the scandals that are the sure and certain outcome of sending to parliament men without principle, courage, selfrespect or patriotism."

Bear in mind that this is the 491st day of the North Renfrew vacancy.

Well done, soldier boys, well done! The citizens are real proud of youeven if their Council doesn't pay its honest debts.

The Big Saturday Planet now includes two papers in one-and The Planet Junior has made a big hit with the girls and boys.

Ha! We have it now. Ross is just waiting till the popular young Liberal-Conservative candidate for North Renfrew dies of old age.

Enterprising citizens are keeping close tab on The Planet's advertising columns these days. Now is the time when the bargains are picked up.

We recommend every reader to

look up the first installment of The

DRESSMAKING SECOND FLOOR, **REAR** : : : :

Constant Satisfaction Secures Constant Trade.

MILLINERY SECOND FLOOR. FRONT : : :

# The: Gordon: Store

Aims at the Former Secures the Latter-- To Get Business we Must Deserve It .-- Our Dealings with You Shall be on These Lines.

Furs.	K
Neck Boas, Coney, \$1.75	Gordon's
Extra Boas, 72 in. long \$2.90  Brown and Grey Silver Tip \$3.00  American Sable, 6 tails \$4.00  Imitation Stone Martin \$4.50  Western Sable, extra quality \$6.75  Alaska Sable, genuine undied Boas	dome fastene whites Daphne, . Suede Gordon's grey, black,
for \$9, \$10, \$11, \$12, \$13,50, \$14.75, \$15,75, \$20, \$22, \$23.75, \$25, \$29.50	

each to......\$32.00 Complete stock of Electric Seal, Astra-Grey Lamb, Persian Lamb, Greenland Seal, and Bokahara, Ladies' Fur Coats. No finer stock of these goods, nor lower prices West of Toronto.

#### Coats.

Grey Zibeline, velvet collar ......\$5.00 Black and White Coronation Cloth Coat, new sleeves, metallic butons, lined ..... \$6.50 All Wool Kersey Cloth, yoked back Cleth, \$6.50 values to clear at......\$3 49

#### Curtains.

New Nottingham and Irish Point ace Curtains, etc., Frilled Curtain Muslins and Curtain Netts reduced, 40c. goods for......25c Tapestry Curtains, fine patterns, ew designs and colorings, from \$12.00

#### Dress Goods.

Three Special Suitings, all wool, flecked, 44 in., green, grey, blue, 

Cheviots, at..... French Waistings, Silk Embroidered Cloth...... 50e Bedford Cord and Persian Stripe Waistings, etc.

# Silks.

Special value Black Silk, Peau de oie, at..... \$1.00

Kid Gloves.
Gordon's Leader, a new glove, 2
dome fasteners, stitching, tans, brown,
whites 50
Daphne, \$1 2
Suede 1.5
Gordon's Joan Kid Gloves-tan,
grey, black, white \$1.0
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#### Gorsets.

No Chinese foot torture, but styles that tollow the form with grace and comfort. American Beauty Corsets in 3 different models.

-The Extended Hip. -The Slight Figure. -The Full Form from \$1.00 to \$1.25.

Kabo Corset, straight front, gored, 

## Millinery.

We excel in taste and with great variety and styles of original beauty at prices that economise. We present our patrons with unusual and striking New York and Paris fall creations in millinery.

#### Skirts.

This is the house for Skirts. In Cheviot, Homespun, Ladies' Cloth, Flecks. etc., from \$2 upwards. Silk Dress Skirts, stylish, \$15, \$18, \$20 to.... \$25

Mercerized Petticoats -75c., 90c., 

#### Waists.

Black Taffata Silk Waists, newest style and trimmings—\$3, \$5 and .. \$6 50 Colored and Fancy Silk Waists to dear, reduced to...... \$4.48 Cashmere Waists, latest style, cream, garnet, green, navy, old rose,

tasty......\$3.00 Black Flannel Waists, very dressy \$3,00 Flannelette Waists, new styles and patterns, navy Lt.-blue, pink, green, waists, pearl trimmed, collar to match.....\$1.00
Mercerized Flannclette Waists, fancy trimmed .......\$1.50

# Flannelette Robes.

Plain white, blue, pink night robes, 

#### Women's and Children's Hose.

Black fleeced lined and heavy wool ose and red and natural wool feet at 25c

## Linens.

Importation just in of Richardson's linens. 60 ins wide, oream, 50c to.......25c 72 inch Diced Tabling and Cream Damasks, per yd from 42 to......\$1.60 Table Napkins, 50c, 60c, 90c, \$1.00. 

# Sheetings.

The present wholesale price equals our selling price. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 unbleached. 8-4, 9-4 and 10-4 sheetings. twilled or plain, never better values than we show. Pillow cottons, circular and plain

from 40 inch wide to 54 inch, per yard from 12½c to...... 25c

## Towelings.

Any and every kind of towel. Hemstitched, hemmed and fringed. Linea r cotton from 5c to...... 50c Turkish Bath Towels from 124c to .. 75e Turkish Rollerings, 12to to per yard 250 

#### Men's Underwear.

Celebrated Tigar Brand all wool Vests and Drawers, unshrinkable, 50c, Heavy weight Cashmere Sox (da ng wool with each pair) 25c and.... 50c Light weight Cashmere Sox ..... Woolen Sox, hard to beat, 15c, 18c, 

# William Gordon Standard Patterns are up-to-date. Sheets Free.

Planet's new story, "A Bit of Blue." in this issue. You'll enjoy reading

The City Council are Monday night and it is to be hoped that they will do something definite and business-like in connection with the Telephone franchise.

OUR GLORIOUS CANADIAN CLIM-ATE.

Montreal Star. There is probably no climate in Europe with so many advantages. Britain has a wet, chill winter, and Britain has a wet, chill winter, and an uncertain summer. Germany has snow and cold, with neither the heating arrangements to fight it nor the golden summers to follow it. Even "sunny Italy" has a tropical summer which breeds lethargy.

Canadians have too often permitted themselves to be talked into the notion that their climate is their weak point. In reality it is one of their very strongest advantages.

Deserved Popularity.

Mae—How is it that Mr. Frost is so Mae—How is it that Mr. Frost is so cordially liked by every one?

Tommie—Oh, he has such a good memory that he knows exactly what to forget and when.—Puck.

More Than Welcome.
Fair Painter—I hope you don't mind
my sketching in your field?
Farmer—Lor, no, missie. You keep
the birds off the peas better'n a' ordi-Too Much Perpendicularity.

Physician—Your allment is rheumatism, eh? Is it a case of long standing? Patient (steamboat pilot)—Yes, sir; I think that's what guv it to me.—Chi-The Penalties of Opulence.

The prevalence of dyspepsia among the very rich seems to point to the indigestible quality of dough.—Brooklyn Eagle.

# IF YOU ARE PARTICULAR

and wish to choose from a large assortment of various styles, prices and qualities,

#### REMEMBER

There is one store you can depend on to get the best values shown anywhere. New Stock Fine China. Grand display of Dinner Sets. Our Lamps are the newest.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, KING STREET. \*

12" Per Annum on Your Money is what an investment in the Preferred Shares of the

American Petroleum Company will net you. An established business, safe, sound and conservative, not a scheme to get rich in three months.

Standard Oil Company Purchases Entire Product.

One third of the Shares sold have been purchased by some of

# the Most Prominent and Careful Men in Canada.

Dividends paid monthly out of the earnings of the company. The Company is earning to-day more than twice the dividend requirements and is selling preferred shares to acquire more property. Do not overlook this—it will cost you nothing to inquire.

> Address, J. R. McDOWELL. Fiscal Agent, GUELPH. ONT.

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