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THE RELIEF WILL COME

Gordon Boles Thinks Farmers Should Guard against San. Jose Scale

THE GOVERNMENT AID

To the Editor Chatham Planet:

Sir,—I see by your article in The Planet of October 11th that at last the farmers are going to get a chance to fight the San Jose scale with the assistance of the Government. It is not a bit too soon, because it has become very serious. I cannot conceive why a farmer, knowing that his orchard is affected with scale, has not taken steps to avert its progress; because his neighbors refused to co-operate. Even now the fight will be useless without co-operation. It would pay a man to spray his neighbor's trees rather than let it be a nursery for propagating scale and other pests. For the information of those who are doubtful about the scale being on their premises, let them look at their apples, pears, peaches, plums, quinces, raspberries, grapes, currants, gooseberries, and rubus; then as to shrubs examine spiraea, Japan quince, Hlae, syringa, Virginian creeper, they will even find it on the golden rod and thistle (common) also milk thistle. Of course these weeds can be cut down and burnt, so that there is little need to bother about them.

I have used all the various sprays for the scale and find the lime and sulphur and salt spray the best at first, followed by the crude petroleum from time to time afterwards. I refrain from giving my formula, because I think it differs slightly from that used by the Government and it may not be as good.

What I fear is that unless this scale is knocked out now, and for all, we shall have our fruit ruined. I have shipped a good deal of fruit and have frequently been asked if it came from a district affected by San Jose scale. It certainly did, but from a district where it is kept from spreading and is on the decrease. I do not think the oil business country people have found it on the fruit I shipped to them as yet, but if they do, there are people over there who would make a difficulty of it, and cause a lot of trouble either with or without reason. I remain,

Yours truly,
GORDON BOLES.
October 12, 1906.

THE FALL RACES

At the Chatham Driving Park, Chatham, Ont., Oct. 17, 18 and 19.

The Secretary has received the largest number of entries ever known in the history of horse racing in this vicinity, and as the track is in first-class order and the horses entered are of higher class than have ever before started here, it is a guarantee of good racing.

This is owing to the liberal prizes hung up, which in all amount to \$2,000.00.

It is expected that at least 75 head of horses will be entered at our Fair Grounds within the next two days, including harnessed horses and runners, to take part in the program.

The running races will be of higher class than ever before seen here, owing to the number of entries. Some of our friends in the oil business have become interested, as the Secretary has received five entries for the running races from parties in Lima, Ohio.

PROGRAM

First Day, Oct. 17.
2.14 class—9 starters.
2.22 class—11 starters.
1.2 mile run—entries not closed.
Second Day, Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 18.
2.18 class—12 starters.
2.30 class—14 starters.
5.8 run—entries not closed.
Third Day—Oct. 19.
Free for all—7 starters.
Named race—8 starters.
1 mile run—entries not closed.
A full entry list will be published in this paper on the 16th.

THE LEHIGH VALLEY REDUCES PASSENGER FARES.

To take effect November 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible, the maximum rate per mile on the Lehigh Valley Railroad will be on the basis of 2-1-2c.

This will not change passenger rates now based on charge of less than 2-1-2c per mile. Interchangeable mileage books, which are now sold at \$30.00, will be sold at \$25.00 with a rebate of \$5.00 on each 1,000 mile book instead of \$10.00, as at present.

A man is always nearest to his good when at home, and farthest from it when away.

People's Money Squandered In New Government Wharf Built At Jeannette's Creek

New Public Work, For The Securing Of Which A Local Aspiring Politician Claimed The Credit, Gives Evidence Of Soon Becoming A Mass Of Ruins — Boats Cannot Land, And Cement In The Wall And Facing Is Already Cracked — Rigid Inquiry Is Urgent

The people of this county have, from time to time, had examples of the incompetence and extravagance of the Liberal Government at Ottawa brought before their attention, but in no case, probably, has there been a more deliberate squandering of the people's money, than there is in the instance of the new Government dock at Jeannette's Creek. Thousands of dollars have been spent to provide the people of the section with a landing wharf on the River Thames, and now, when the work is supposed to be completed, the people have a dock which is of practically no use to them, and a structure which is very liable to crumble to pieces at almost a moment's notice. If this is a sample of the manner in which all public works are being constructed, it is indeed time that some one else were taking over the management of that department.

When the estimate for the new wharf was passed, instead of letting the job to an expert on dock building, or an experienced cement man, such as John Flook, the work is placed in the hands of Jacob Colby, who while his intentions may have been of the very best, is no authority on wharf construction. The dock was to be of cement face, built on piles driven beneath the water level. The piles were, however, cut off too high, so that at low water times the tops of the piles are sticking up from six inches to a foot above the water level. The result of this will be, that the piles will, in a short time, decay and go to pieces.

In the second place the piles were not driven down far enough in the water, and the foundation is, therefore, weak and unstable. It is a matter for experienced men such as John Flook to say whether or not the dock as constructed is safe. The dock was used in the facing and the wall.

Until a short time ago, the work was considered complete, but it was found that when people tried to land in boats they were not able to get within ten or twelve feet of the dock. The water was too shallow in the channel. Mr. Clements took the matter up with the department and they promised to have the river dredged in front of the wharf so that boats could land.

A dredge was sent to the work and

the men in charge had not taken out much earth before they found that the piles had not been driven deep enough, and the wharf was commencing to slide out towards the middle of the river. Work was stopped, but not before the cement wall was split in two places, and gave evidence of very shortly going to the bottom of the river. The landing is at present fully ten feet from the face of the wharf, and when boats try to land they have to get as close as they can, and then someone shoves out a plank the remaining ten feet. Passengers are forced to walk this plank, if they wish to get off at Jeannette's Creek. A nice state of affairs, truly, in a new wharf.

It is merely another case of the neglect of the Public Works Department of the Dominion, in constructing their work through improper channels. No attempt whatever is made to safeguard the public interests.

As the dock now stands, it is of no use to anyone. It is doubtful if it can be repaired, as there is no part of the work that is substantial. It was a bungle from start to finish, and the only remedy seems to be to tear the whole thing to pieces and start over again and construct it properly. This of course means a double expenditure of money—but money seems to be no object with the heads of affairs at Ottawa.

A man from Chatham went down the river to see this piece of folly the other day and found two men engaged in putting up the cracks in the cement wall, so that they would not be noticed by anyone who might be passing. In some quarters certain people have tried to make political capital out of this dock, saying that the Government was going to give shipping facilities to the people of Jeannette's Creek, Tilbury, and the vicinity. The people, instead, have got something which is of no use to them, and apart from this thousands of dollars of the people's money has been practically thrown away.

Mr. Clements will take the matter up with the proper authorities at the very earliest possible moment, and will see what relief can be secured for the farmers and merchants of that district.

THE CHURCH IS NEGLIGENT

The W. C. T. U. Thinks That More Attention Should Be Given To Temperance

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTIES

The annual meeting of the local W. C. T. U. was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, the president, who was in the chair. Mrs. Everett gave a Bible reading and after the devotional exercises reports were read by corresponding secretary, treasurer, and superintendents of departments. The treasurer's report showed that although less money had been raised this year, the usual amount had been sent to the various lines of work carried on by the Provincial Union—the mission to the lumbermen in Northern Ontario, the Labrador hospital work, organization in the Western Provinces, etc., leaving a rather diminished treasury.

The reports of the evangelistic and flower mission superintendents showed that excellent work had been done. Visits had been made to the sick and the afflicted, flowers and delicacies had been given, and in many cases clothing and groceries.

During the discussion on the report of the flower mission, Sunday school work regret was expressed that in some of the churches a supplementary lesson was used in place of the quarterly Sunday school temperance lesson. Knowing that in too many homes the children do not receive the training which would fortify them against this temptation it is sad to see the church neglect any opportunity of giving special warning to the children against an evil which has ruined so many bright and promising lives.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the election of officers was deferred until next regular meeting. Mrs. Swearingen, of San Antonio, Texas, was then introduced and gave a short account of her work in that city. The ladies heard with much interest of the noble work for the Master that is being accomplished in this mission, and in thanking Mrs. Swearingen for her interesting and helpful address the wish was expressed that she would, at the next meeting, tell them something of her work in establishing and carrying on mission Sunday schools. Mrs. Swearingen expressed her sympathy with the work of the society, and reminded them either great or small, to do in His name.

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TUESDAY NIGHT'S ALLEGED HOLD-UP STILL A MYSTERY

Neither Lague Nor Gore Have Made Any Attempt To Have Their Assailants Brought To Justice—Hold-Up Yarn Doesn't Hang Together Very Well In Places

Last Tuesday night's alleged hold-up on the Baldoon Road, in which Joseph Gore, of Pain Court, narrowly escaped being fatally stabbed, has not yet been explained, and there are no further clues as to who his assailant was. The affair, if it really took place as it has been alleged, is altogether of too serious a nature to be passed over without further investigation. If Gore and Lague were really held up as claimed, the men who attempted to take their money from them, and especially the man who slashed Gore with the knife, should be run to earth and made to pay the penalty for so serious a crime. High County Constable Cogan was interviewed by a Planet reporter this morning, and was asked if any information had been laid by either Gore or Lague.

"No information has been laid so far to my knowledge," said Major Cogan, "and of course on this account I myself can't very well take any action with regard to looking up the culprits. I think it is a case where, if the details as reported are true, that the would-be robbers should certainly be run down. But my duty is to report the matter. If I attempt to make any investigation without an information, I must do so at my own expense."

"As far as I can make out the details of the affair appear a little peculiar to me, and I have my doubts as to whether the hold-up took place exactly as reported. Another peculiar feature in my estimation, is that neither Gore nor Lague have made any attempt to lay an information against their alleged assailants."

The Planet has been unable to gain an interview with Gore since the morning after the alleged hold-up. It has been learned, however, that he was in to see his surgeon yesterday, and had his wounds attended to. The gashes in his side and in one of his legs are the most serious. They must have been inflicted with a long sharp knife. The gash in the side penetrated almost to one of the lungs, and the one in the leg resulted

in the severing of a muscle. Gore also received a nasty gash in one of his hands.

The more the matter is probed, the more conflicting the details of the affair become. It has been previously explained in this journal that Gore, who lives near Pain Court, had recently returned from Detroit, where he had been working with a dredge gang. He had about seventy dollars in his possession Tuesday night. Gore drove in on Tuesday with a team and wagon. While in the city he met with Joseph Lague, of Mitchell's Bay, and later in the day it was proposed that he send his team home with a holder, and drive home with Lague, who had driven in from Mitchell's Bay with a horse and buggy. Accordingly a man named Jacobs was sent home with Gore's team. Gore and Lague left for home early in the evening. Later they returned to the city with the story that they had been held up by unknown men. Gore was terribly slashed and was covered with blood from his wounds.

The story of the hold-up does not hang together very well in places, at least those who have studied the matter out to any extent admit that there is something peculiar about the whole affair.

The assailants must have had a knowledge that Gore and Lague were unarmed. Highwaymen as a rule hold their intended victims up with revolvers. In this case it would appear that the assailants were unarmed, and merely commanded Gore and Lague to stop, one of them grabbing the horse by the head. How did they know that the occupants of the rig would not be armed for an emergency, and shoot them on the spot? Gore seems to have been the man they were after, for it was he whom they attacked. The other man came out of the encounter uninjured. How was it that when Lague was rebuking Gore's assailant over the head with the whip, that the other man who was holding the

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