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### PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.  
Toronto, March 7.—11 a. m.—To-day, mild and rain. Tuesday, fresh to strong northwest to north winds, clearing and turning colder again.

The following figures were registered today at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:

### THERMOMETER.

Highest yesterday, 39.  
Lowest during night, 38.  
This morning, 39.  
Barometer, 29.97.  
Direction of wind, southwest.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

H. Buglet, of Tilbury, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

J. C. Cameron, of Leamington, was in the city on Saturday.

Mrs. J. McGuigan, of Blenheim, was in the city on Saturday.

Girls wanted to learn dressmaking. Apply at once at The Gordon Store.

Miss S. Irwin, of this city, spent Saturday with friends and relatives in Dresden.

Barney Dame, of Preston, spent Sunday evening and to-day in the Maple City.

Thomas O'Rourke is a little improved to-day, and his wife is also progressing favorably.

Watch Lost—Saturday afternoon, a Gold Watch, with initials C. E. W. A reward will be given by leaving at this office.

J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, are preparing drawings of a new invention in harrows for C. Tiffin, of Dresden.

Mrs. W. M. Drader, Dufferin avenue, has returned from Dresden, where she has been visiting for a few days.

Miss Symes has taken charge of the dress making department of the Gordon Store. She is an up-to-date modiste and they guarantee their patrons every satisfaction.

Rev. Dr. Batisby, pastor of St. Andrew's church, is in Toronto attending the meeting of the Home Missionary Society, of which he is an executive member.

It took two men and two pick axes 45 minutes to dislocate a chunk of the Bitulithic Queen street pavement this afternoon. Both picks and men were done out when the job was completed. The soil and crushed stone were found to be perfectly dry.

This morning Thos. Scullard, acting for plaintiff, moved for speedy judgment in Williamson vs. Martin, an action to collect from sureties on a bond. G. A. Sawyer for defendant.

John H. Kehoe, of Perth, spent Sunday and Monday with his old friends in the Maple City. Mr. Kehoe is an old Chatham boy, having for years conducted the dress goods department at the Bargain Centre. He left here last June and has since been living at Chapeau, New Ontario. He leaves the city to-morrow morning and will go to Portage la Poudre, where he has secured an excellent position. Jack was very popular in Chatham and his many friends will wish him every success in his new home in the Northwest.

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## LETTER BOX

### GOOD ROADS VS. MUD.

To the Editor of The Planet:  
Noticing in your issue of Saturday matters pertaining to the proposed pavements on several streets that tenders have been called for, it appears that the only question now is a selection of either

Bitulithic—\$2.19 per square yard—concrete extra, \$2.29.  
Asphalt Block—\$2.47 per square yard.

Brick—\$2.12 per square yard.  
I am not going to condemn any pavement above mentioned, they may all be first-class, but let us consider that we want the best—nothing is too good for this progressive little city.

Let me deal briefly with my views of each, taking first Bitulithic, which up to last year was practically unknown in the Province of Ontario till Queen street was laid. It loomed up from the horizon—Boston, on the Atlantic coast, I believe—where our worthy mayor and board of works, on the invitation of that Company, visited the great "Hub of the Universe," and pronounced the pavement O. K., enjoyed themselves immensely and returned safely. Did it ever occur in the minds of these gentlemen that in the stratum or bed of different localities Chatham would not be so lucky?

By the offer made by this company for a concrete foundation (differing from their Queen street pavement) it appears to be a doubt on their minds if it is not an actual necessity to insure a safe and durable foundation for any pavement. However, if not those who are best acquainted with the surrounding soil. Can we consider this particular pavement—its cost \$2.29 per yard—as we have no proof of its lasting qualities, the elements and wear and tear will determine that point?

I notice that the company intend cutting out portions of Queen street for inspection. Would it not be as well for us to have portions of streets, where pavements are proposed to be put down, cut out also? I should judge a fairly good sample of block 24 inches deep would be found, but not of lasting quality.

With the weather hovering around zero it has affected Queen street as well. Wait, gentlemen, till old Sol favors us with the 85 or 90 degrees of heat. I certainly think it inadvisable to endeavor to demonstrate to the intelligent citizens of Chatham the durability of any pavement at this season of the year.

Now as regards asphalt block, the tender of which I believe is \$2.47 per square yard laid on concrete bed, this block is manufactured in Windsor and Walkerville, is highly recommended by the Mayor of Windsor, manufactured by a local company of that city, a sample of which material can be seen at City Clerk's office.

Opinions widely differ as to wearing qualities of this material, some pronounce it first class, a pamphlet containing extracts of press and opinions of engineers of Chicago, Detroit, Port Huron and many American cities denounce it, hereby showing us that it requires the utmost caution in adopting any pavement unless we are positively assured of its lasting qualities. Its cost is the greatest set back so far in excess of brick of which I will pass opinion on.

The tender for this class of pavement is, if rightly informed, \$2.19 per yard, which is considerably cheaper than either of the aforementioned pavements. In making this contrast in price I have no hesitation in saying that you can find inferior brick; but judging the many years in use in cities, where the heaviest traffic necessitates the very best, it apparently leads over all others. The demand for a good paving brick has for the past few years exceeded the supply, which is sufficient evidence to demonstrate its wearing capabilities.

Having carefully studied these matters, in price of the latter pavement, its many years of actual test and having a large frontage on one of proposed streets, I have expressed my opinion and unless convinced otherwise we will have to remain so.

Of course, living in this age of progress and development another new pavement may bob up suddenly.

The latest now known as West-rumite—a preparation sprayed on any ordinary road, dispenses with all mud and dust. This certainly would excel all other pavements—no water, clean shoes and all other comforts for a pedestrian. A deputation should be sent to Winchester, England, of say, the Mayor and Board of Works, where that appears to be in successful operation. The everlasting problem would then be solved. If successful, how to have good roads at comparatively small cost.

Thanking you for space.

YOURS FOR GOOD ROADS.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. R. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, March 7, 1904.

Wheat—open, high, low, close.

May (old)..... 90 1/2 90 1/2 91 1/4

July (new)..... 92 1/2 92 1/2 93 1/4

Sept. .... new 88 1/2 88 1/2 89 1/4

Corn—

May..... 53 1/2 54 1/2 55 1/2

July..... 52 1/2 53 1/2 54 1/2

Sept..... 51 1/2 52 1/2 53 1/2

Oats—

May..... 41 1/2 42 1/2 43 1/2

July..... 39 1/2 40 1/2 41 1/2

Sept..... 34 1/2 35 1/2 36 1/2

Pork—

May..... 1450 1435 1385 1387

July..... 1440 1440 1405 1405

Lard—

May..... 747 747 730 730

July..... 760 760 742 742

Ribs—

May..... 737 737 717 717

July..... 747 747 730 730

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### HONEY

Lots left yet, ours is very fine.

2 Sections for 25c.

**Geo. A. Young**

OUR GROCER, PHONE 151

## JAPS ATTACK VLADIVOSTOCK

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enemy. The Japanese fire ceased at 2.30 p. m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island, and two more near Cape Maido. The Japanese ships were covered with ice. The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and 12-inch shells. The population of Vladivostock was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet, and of the prospect of an attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

### ALEXIEFF'S REPORT.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar from Mukden, bearing today's date says,—"I most humbly inform your Majesty that the commanders at the fortress at Vladivostock reports that at 8.50 this morning seven vessels were south of Askold Island. At 9.45 they were seen to be warships making for Askold Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold Island, making for Ussuri Bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries. At 1.30 the enemy opened fire. Two vessels in the squadron were probably the first-class cruisers Idzumo and Yakumo, but the names of the other vessels are unknown."

### A RALLY TO DRAW FIRE.

Official despatches concerning the bombardment of Vladivostock by a Japanese fleet this afternoon do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say that four sailors and the wife of an engineer were killed. It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries, and it is considered probable here that the attack was really a draw to draw the fire of the Russian forts, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and calibre of their guns, and also to ascertain whether the Russian squadron is in port. If this was the Japanese purpose it is believed to have failed signally, as the batteries did not fire a shot, and if the squadron is in port it could be seen from the Japanese position in the Bay of Ussuri on account of the high land which rises from the coast, on that side obstructing the view of the harbor.

### AN EARLIER REPORT.

Tokio, Mar. 5.—An Austrian steamer, which has arrived at Hakodate from Vladivostock, reports that the Russian squadron left Vladivostock on February 29th. It is presumed to be cruising in northern waters with the hope of capturing Japanese merchantmen. Another report says that two Russian warships have been off Ussuri. Advices from Hakodate do not mention any attacks on northern ports.

### PRIZES OF WAR.

The steamer Ekaterinoslav, of the Russian volunteer transport fleet, which had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser, the steamer Manchuria, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company, the schooner Slepner and the steam launch Ulide, have been declared prizes of war by the naval court at Sasebo. The decision of the court is subject to an appeal within thirty days.

### OBJECT OF THE ATTACK.

Paris, March 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondence of the Echo de Paris, concerning the bombardment of Vladivostock yesterday afternoon, says that the opinion of competent men is that the Japanese wished to find out whether or not the Russian squadron was at Vladivostock; in the belief that should it prove to be absent it would be necessary for the vessels to return and defend the place. The correspondent adds:—"These tactics are useless, as the general staff here knows Reitzenstein's exact destination and that he has succeeded perfectly in carrying out the plan confided to him, despite the constant vigilance of the Japanese. I am not allowed to say more to-day."

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