

## The Daily Planet

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### THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

The result of the Mayoralty contest yesterday was a surprise to many, but to those who knew the methods of the two candidates it was the natural sequence of such a campaign.

Thos. Scullard relied upon the will of the people to give him the support he felt he was entitled to receive after having served several terms at the Council Board, but William Stone, the successful candidate, left nothing undone to win the election.

Men closely in touch with the inner workings of the Liberal organization were actively engaged for days in looking after the votes, money was freely used, telegrams were sent to outside points agreeing to pay expenses of voters. It is only surprising that he did not have a majority running up into the hundreds.

Mr. Scullard did not have a single carriage engaged and he had no runners or canvassers, and was apparently quite willing to leave the vote entirely in the hands of the electorate. This style of a campaign is commendable, but it does not win elections. It has been demonstrated time and again that men do not stand so high in the estimation of the electorate that they can be elected against actively engaged forces, and this should not be forgotten by future aspirants for office.

This year's work at the council will be closely watched, as there is a feeling that the new future will bring about important changes that will be greatly in the interests of the public. Mayor Stone will have the support of The Planet in any movement that will advance the interests of the city, and he can agreeably disapprove many of the ratepayers by purporting a course that will meet the approval of those who principally opposed him—the heaviest ratepayers in the city.

### A SWEEPING STATEMENT.

The Minister of Railways has a grievance. Addressing the Liberal Provincial Convention at St. John on the last Friday of the year Mr. Emmerson told his friends that a campaign of slander was carried on against the Government, and that not one of the charges of wrong doing or graft made against the Government last session had been verified. By this last sweeping statement the Minister of Railways removes himself far from the list of ministers and public men whose statements can be taken seriously. Anyone will understand this who has read the evidence given before the Committees of the House on the following:

The North Atlantic Trading Company.  
The Merwin Contracts.  
The Arundel Printing Deal.  
The Preston-Leopold Transactions.  
The Montcalm's Outfit.  
The Purchase of Flies for the Marine Department.  
The Montcalm Land Scandal.  
The Cunningham Scandal.  
Other transactions which prove themselves to be corrupt from their nature include the following:

The Saskatchewan Land Deal.  
The Timber Limits Transactions.  
Grazing Lease Scandals.  
Bronson and Ray Concession.

We have also among the scandals not strictly financial, the Wagner affair, in which an election healer who had been twice in jail for swindling his Galician fellow-countrymen and stealing their hard savings, was subsequently re-appointed to office at double his former salary, continuing as an public official to round up the foreign voters and purchase their support with cash and beer. There was the case of Joseph Nixon shown to have kept false records in his office making short returns of public money. He was appointed to a better office at a higher salary. There was the "thin red line scandal." By forgeries and frauds nine thousand qualified electors were disfranchised in Manitoba, which act was followed almost immediately by the appointment of the chief operator to a high and responsible public position. There was the Prince Albert Election Fraud, perpetrated by men whom the Government had appointed to office, and have since protected. These criminals, ordered to hold a poll in the far North, went off to a camp more than a hundred miles from the polling place, forged a whole voters' list, voted every man in it, and returned with sworn statements that they had held a poll and recorded some 150 votes all for the Government candidate, though not a single elector had cast a ballot. There was the Jackson scandal. In this case a barrister was shown to have attempted to procure perjury and false evidence by cash payments. After the trial judge had pronounced him a man of "the lowest possible character" he was immediately appointed by the Government as the representative of Canada in a great English city at a salary of \$3,000. There are several land scrip swindles and many other transactions which Mr. Emmerson would hardly attempt to defend before people who have seen the evidence.

A confession that some of these charges were true is found in the course of the Government after exposure made some action necessary. The North Atlantic contract was cancelled. Mr. Preston has been removed from the London office. The officer whom he dismissed for informing against him has been re-appointed. No printing contracts are now given to the bogus Arundel Company. Retards have been obtained from the contractor who sold an astonishing quantity of silverware at startling prices, for the use of the ice-breaker Montcalm. Even Government supporters on the Arctic Committee admitted that excessive prices had been paid for some supplies. An official shown by Opposition members to have been paid excessive expenses has made restoration. The Government became pledged to cease giving large land grants in the West without competition, though it must be admitted that the promise was immediately broken. A Minister was forced by his own indignant supporters to promise investigation into the Preston charges, though this pledge also seems to have been violated. Another solemnly declared that the man who took the lead in the Prince Albert election crime would draw no more pay from his Department, though it is feared that the individual has since been in Government employ.

### ROSY CHEEKS FOR PALE GIRLS.

Don't be debarred from strength and spirit, don't give in to illness and despair. Ferrozone supplies tone and vigor through which all functions of womanly life are maintained and fortified. From New Richmond, Que., comes the following statement from Mrs. Isidor Boissac: "I take deep pleasure in testifying to the powerful influence of Ferrozone. For years my daughter has been pale and sickly—showed signs of advanced anaemia. Her lips got so white and her cheeks so devoid of color I feared consumption. I can certify Ferrozone made an excellent cure, and to-day my daughter's health is the best." 50c. per box at all dealers.

### The King's Private Secretary.

For 35 years Lord Knollys has been the King's private secretary, and it says much for his Sovereign's person and qualities that he has been able to attach to himself the whole-hearted devotion and unwavering fidelity of such a man. It is, indeed, devotion of a kind which mere money and titles could never purchase for any man, says M.A.P. Lord Knollys is the one man living from whom the King has no secrets. He controls His Majesty's enormous correspondence with marvellous ability, aided, of course, by assistant secretaries, who do the routine work. It is an impressive sight to see him in his shirt sleeves tackling a mountain of letters from all manner of people. Think of the knowledge of the world, experience, tact, judgment, memory, and, above all, rapid decision, which this work entails. The King must be spared in every possible way, and yet there are some letters which he must see. Cranks, faddists, inventors, and such like fearful wild-fowl are dealt with in a routine way. But there are thousands of better letters to be sifted with the invaluable aid of the Charity Organization Society, for His Majesty is very tender-hearted, and would be much troubled if any genuine case were treated unsympathetically.

### WHEN YOU EAT TOO FAST

You have indigestion, perhaps cramp, or in any case the system is overloaded with matter that should be eliminated. Breath gets bad, eyes look dull, headaches are frequent.

Why not cleanse and purify the whole system, why not strengthen the stomach, enrich the blood and assist your overtaxed digestive organs? Easily done with Dr. Hamilton's Pills; their action is most gratifying. In every case they give the exact assistance the ailing organs require. You'll feel fit and fine, eat with a relish, sleep like a top, have a clear color, and restful sleep if you regulate your system with Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c. per box, at all dealers.

### LYNCHING OR WEDDING.

At the next station a furious mob was assembled. The air was filled with missiles and many hoarse shouts.

A lynch! I exclaimed in horror. Either that, rejoined my companion, who as I afterwards had learned, while not an American himself, closely observed the customs of the country, or else just a newly married couple are about to depart on their bridal tour.

### THORNS IN THE FLESH.

Even worse is the agony of corns. Why suffer—corns are waiting in every drug store in the form of Putnam's Corn Extractor, which relieves at once, cures thoroughly and without pain. For good results use only "Putnam's."

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## DISTRICT

### TILBURY

Tilbury, Jan. 7.—Mrs. A. R. Nicol and children have returned to their home in New York after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart.

H. S. Shaw left to-day for Detroit. Mrs. Charlotte Trudel died suddenly on Friday at her home here, in her 85th year. The funeral will be held this morning at St. Francis church, after which the remains will be interred in St. Francis cemetery.

Mrs. D. Smith entertained at cards on Friday evening. Miss Bell Wilson returns to London to-day.

Mrs. McLaughlin spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Detroit. Mrs. W. J. Moffat is giving a dance this evening.

Two Years Abod.—For eight years I suffered as no one ever did with rheumatism; for two years I lay in bed; could not so much as feed myself. A friend recommended South American Rheumatic Cure. After three doses I could sit up. To-day I am as strong as ever. I was—Mrs. John Cook, 287 Clinton street, Toronto.

Sold by W. W. Turner.

### DRESDEN.

Dresden, Jan. 8.—Mr. Ballantyne, of London, conducted the services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, the pastor, Mr. Lindsay, being in Wallaceburg.

Miss Carrie returned to Toronto on Saturday after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Norman Lindsay.

Miss Urquhart, B. A., returned to Toronto on Friday, after spending a week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Alkin.

Mrs. John H. McVean entertained a number of young people at cards on Friday evening in honor of Miss Sarah McVean and Mr. Harold McVean. After supper dancing was indulged in for a couple of hours.

Mrs. R. E. Carscallen received for the first time since her marriage on Thursday and Friday from 4 to 6. Mrs. Carscallen, who is wearing a gown of Russian net over silk and was assisted by Mrs. Carscallen, who wore a black crepe de chene gown and Mrs. Jeffs, who wore a black gown with white trimmings. Mrs. Willie McVean presided at the table in the tea room and was assisted by Miss Eva Alkin, Miss Eva McVean and Miss Maud Waterworth, who wore white gowns and white hats. The tea table was handsomely decorated with cream roses and the drawing rooms with carnations and smilax.

Ronald McVean left for Toronto on Monday morning to resume his duties at the School of Practical Science. He was accompanied by his brother Harold, who will spend the week there with him.

Arthur Grover left for London to finish his course at the Medical School there.

Miss Sarah McVean and Miss Kathleen McVean left for Toronto to resume their studies on Monday morning.

The School Board held its regular meeting on Friday evening but were unable to decide definitely upon any plans for the school, as all the members were not present. A meeting will be called this week, at which all the members will be present.

Miss Hadley, of Beeton, Ont., is the guest of Mrs. F. A. Ogilvie.

Miss Flora Ripley gave a large party in honor of Miss Rhoda Draper on Friday night at her home, North Dresden.

Mr. James Anderson left on Saturday for Hamilton to resume his duties with the Wood Valance Company there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Devoe entertained a number of married people at dinner on New Year's night.

Messrs. Bently and Boulton attended the dance in Wallaceburg on Monday evening.

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### MOTHERS, HERE IT IS!

A friend and comforter, an unceasing aid in every house for the hundred and one ailments that do turn up. Nervine is too valuable to be without. If something comes on, ex. trouble, if it's cramp, indigestion or headache, Nervine cures. For cold on the chest, aching limbs or lame back rub on Nervine and get ease at once. As a family safeguard, no home is known to excel Putnam's Nervine. Get the large 25c. bottle from your dealer.

### G. T. R. DINING CAR SERVICE.

The general passenger department of the Grand Trunk Railway System are in receipt of a letter from a Chicago gentleman who travelled over the Grand Trunk recently, and who speaks in eulogistic terms of the service he found on the train, especially with it pleasant and agreeable, and I wish to congratulate you on the satisfactory way in which you take care of your patrons.

### HASN'T TIME NOW.

Green used to boast that if he had a wife he wouldn't be afraid to tell her just what he thought. Well, he has a wife now. Yes, but since he got married he hasn't had time to think.

## THE FAMOUS GIN LAW.

How It Was Received and Evaded By the English Public—First Blow At Traffic.

The famous "gin law," passed in 1736, is interesting as the earliest severe blow at liquor dealing among civilized nations. It levied a tax of 20 shillings a gallon on spirits and a license of £50 for any one selling or dealing in them. And, being in advance of public opinion, it failed, much as other more stringent prohibition laws have failed in our own day, for the cry was at once raised that it taxed the poor man's gin and let the rich man's wine go free. Every wit, every caricaturist, had his fling at it. Ballads were hawked around telling of the approaching death of Mother Gin. The liquor shops were hung with black and celebrated uproariously Mrs. Geneva's lying in state, her funeral, her wake, and so on. The night before the law went into effect, so the contemporary journals say, there was a universal revel all over the country. Every one drank his fill and carried home as much gin as he could carry.

To evade the law apothecaries sold it in vials and small packages, sometimes colored and disguised, generally under false labels, such as "Colic Water," "Makshiff," "Ladies Delight." There were printed directions on some of these packages—e. g., "Take two or three spoonfuls three or four times a day or as often as the fit takes you." Informers were very prominent and exceedingly offensive, inventing snares for the lawbreaker, and spying and sneaking around in a way particularly distasteful to the English mind. In consequence they suffered in their turn. The mere cry, "Liquor spy!" was enough to raise a mob in the London streets, and the informer was lucky if he escaped with a sound thrashing and a dunking in the Thames or the nearest horse pond. Indeed such an outcry was made about the matter that the ministry became very unpopular, and the law was not enforced after two or three years and was largely modified in 1743.—London Telegraph.

### Mr. Stead and Woman Suffrage.

While the cause of woman suffrage in England has received a setback because of the boisterous character of the demonstrations in the lobby of the House of Commons, it is by no means dead or even sleeping. The friends of the cause held a meeting on the afternoon on which the eleven were sent to jail for threatening language and inciting, and one of the speakers was the ubiquitous W. T. Stead. Mr. Stead said he stood there in jubilant mood. The names of the eleven brave women would be emblazoned in the annals of glory. He congratulated them on entering an institution where, at any rate, men and women were equal. He felt profoundly ashamed that he had helped men. He thought they were certain of victory, but when that victory would be won was not certain. One thing that appealed to them was the scandalous injustice of the proceedings at the Police Court. He was rather glad that when the magistrates were going to do a bad thing they should bungle it admirably. The more miserable the Home Secretary and the Government felt the better. The women must make themselves a nuisance.

### Cheap Telephones.

On Feb. 1 the Australian Government will reduce the tolls and improve the service on the telephone system. There is a public utility conducted in connection with the post office. For two thousand calls per year, that is an average of over five per day, including Sunday, the rentals per year will be as follows for exclusive services: In places under 10,000 population £4 (\$19.47); in places up to 100,000 £41.8; and in larger places £5. If there are two parties on the line the rate will range from £3 to £33.4, and if there are three parties the rate will range from £3.12 to £33.4, and if there are four parties the rate will range from £3.25 to £33.4, and if there are five parties the rate will range from £3.38 to £33.4. For each rate the toll will vary from a farthing to a half penny per call. The charge for the use of public pay telephones will be reduced from 5 cents to 2 cents per call. Farmers' telephones with exclusive service will cost £4 per year, and on a party line with one or two others will cost £21.2.

### The African Blue Lily.

The African blue lily (Agapanthus umbellatus) ordinarily blooms in summer, but can be had in flower at almost any time. It has many long, narrow, dark green leaves, from which rise a stem with two or three feet high, bearing a large cluster of very handsome blue flowers. The easiest way to handle it is to grow it in pots or tubs which are stored in a light cellar or other dry place during the winter, enough water being given to prevent the leaves from falling; then put it outdoors during the summer and let it make its growth. Unlike the amaryllis it flowers with its leaves, which adds to its beauty. It is often forced in the early spring. The flowering season is controlled entirely by the resting period. The earlier you dry it off, the earlier you dry it off.

### No Handicap.

They tell you a story of the Southampton Church, at the west end of Bermuda, which recalls the day of sailing ships, when the principal occupation of the Bermudians centered about the wrecks driven to the islands by stress of weather and the unfortunates of the sea.

At this Southampton Church the parson, who was as skilled a wrecker as any member of his congregation, held a commanding view of the ocean from his pulpit.

One Sunday he stopped in the middle of his sermon, and without explanation, left his lofty stand, made his way down the aisle to the door, and then shouted:

"Brethren, I see a ship coming ashore—now we will have an even start"—and dashed for the beach.

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50c, 75c and 90c Dress Goods at 39c, including 44 in. pure wool cashmeres, 42 in. silk and wool Crepe de Chenes, 42 in. all-wool Voiles, etc., in light shades, regular up to 90c yd. Clearing at 39c.

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\$1.25 Dress Goods for 68c, including 56 in. Pure Wool Tweeds and Homespuns, 52 in. French Cheviots, 50 in. Novelty Suitings, etc., reg. up to \$1.25 a yard. Clearing at 68c.

50c and 60c Waistings 36c Yd., including all our Fine French Flannels, Wool Delaines, Wool Challies and Fancy Waistings. Choice range designs and colorings, reg. up to 60c yd. Clearing at 36c.

75c Silks at 39c—Checks, Pairs, Plain and Fancy Silks, in wide range styles and colorings, reg. up to 75c yd., clearing at 39c.

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### CALUMNY.

"Be thou as chaste as ice, and as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny!"—Shakespeare.

Calumnies may subdue And wholly crush those who Are too frail a fibre to endure The worries incident To life, but that are meant To try us and to help us, be ye sure.

Praise, I believe has less To do with one's success Than many think. Calumniators may Prove useful. Calumny, Rather than flattery, Oft stimulates our efforts in life's fray.

In the long run a man Can thwart and rout a clan Of slanderers. One with a conscience clear And a stout heart, is well Equipped to meet and quell The foes whose arts a true man need not fear.

—Clifford Phillips.

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### Hereditary Politics.

At first sight it must appear remarkable that parties and leaders should be so ill-mated, but on reflection there seems no reason for surprise. When it is considered how hereditary is the transmission of politics in this country, it seems rather wonderful that, after reading, travel, and thought, the family dogmas are not more often questioned. Men are netted early into political clubs; or fall, when callow, under the influence of some statesman; or stand as youths for some constituency before they have considered the problems of life. Many never consider them at all; but those who do must often find themselves in disagreement with the politics which they have prematurely professed. Some, too, must find that, while they remain staunch to what seem the fundamental tenets, the party itself, under erratic guidance, or lured by the prospect of monetary advantage, is wandering far from its fold; and so, while they themselves remain orthodox, they are isolated by the unorthodoxy of their friends. Add to which the politician sees the seamy side or comfortless interior of his own party alone; he is not admitted to the drawbacks of the opposite faction; so that the one in some respects seems more alluring than the other. If all these things be considered, it will seem marvelous that there are not more political conversions or perversions than there are.—From Rosebery's Study of Churchill.

### Oh, the Stuffing.

We ate a duck, or the best part of it, a thing that goes "quack, quack" on two hind legs. If we had eaten a goose, we might be accused of cannibalism, but we ate the duck, and we wondered as we ate, regarding the feelings of the duck. We were all right, but we had no opportunity of diagnosing the sensations of the other party to the agreement. In our innocence, we likened it unto the inevitable throes that thrill the poor prospector, when he comes in contact with a lawyer. The best part of a duck is the "stuffing." The rest is misery to bad teeth, but oh, the "stuffing" which the lawyer gets, the savory of it makes poor men rich, and we often wish that we were a lawyer.—From the Halleyburian.

A redundancy of words usually leads to a misconception of meaning.

### Sketch of Mr. David McNicoll.

Mr. David McNicoll, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., who has been elevated to the executive committee of the company, is another example of the large number of men who have won their way to the top by devoting their lives to railway work in Canada. He is as yet but in his 54th year, but has already spent almost 40 years in railroad service, first in Scotland, and then in Canada, and during the whole period he has steadily worked his way upward until to-day he is one of the leading officers and recognized as one of the most capable men in the service of the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. McNicoll was born at Arbroath, Scotland, in 1854. In August, 1886, he started his railway career as a clerk in the goods department of the North British Railway, and in 1873 entered the service of the Midland Railway, still in the goods department. A year later he came to Canada and engaged with the Northern Railway of Canada as billing clerk at Collingwood. Shortly after that he became chief clerk in the general manager's office of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, now part of the C. P. R. system, and by 1883 had become general freight and passenger agent of the road. In the same year Mr. McNicoll entered the service of the C. P. R. as general passenger agent of the eastern and Ontario divisions. In 1889 he was appointed general passenger agent for the whole C. P. R. system, both rail and steamboat. From this office he rose to that of passenger traffic manager, and later to be assistant general manager. In 1900 he became second vice-president and general manager. This office he held for three years, when he was made vice-president. Now he has the added powers of a member of the executive committee.

### Britain and Canada Harbors.

The Imperial Government is desirous of having a thoroughly up-to-date map of all harbors, places of shelter for vessels and other particulars which might aid navigation or even defensive tactics for the colonies, and the Marine and Fisheries Department, Ottawa, has had a request from the Home Government for correct maps of various Canadian harbors and bays, including Toronto. Mr. Rust, City Engineer of the latter city, has received from Ottawa a request to mark on the map the location of all buoys, shoals, currents and such other matter as may be necessary to make the map complete. The last authentic map of Toronto harbor in the possession of the Imperial Government is one hundred years old.

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## TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

### HARWICH COUNCIL.

The adjourned meeting of the Council was held on Dec. 15th, all members present.

Communications were read from the following:—McKeough & Trotter, re account material for Base Line bridge. P. D. Campbell re condition of a portion of East Town Line. St. Holmed, re sheep killed last August.

Harjon Bridge Co., re agreement with contractor of Base Line bridge.

On motion of Corlett and Clark, the Clerk was instructed to notify the M. C. R. that unless the crossing at 18 and 19 side road, Com. 2, E. C. R., is put in proper condition at once the Railway Commission will be asked to consider the matter.

On motion of Walters and Clark the Council sanctioned the action of the Board of Health in collecting this account for medical attendance to C. D. Archer during small-pox last spring.

On motion of Corlett and Gerber, the petition of Jas. Huffman and others, to be transferred from Polling Div. 4 to Div. 2, was placed on file.

On motion of Clark and Corlett, the Reeve was appointed a delegate to join with the delegates appointed by the other municipalities affected by the River Thames, overlooking, to urge immediate steps to devise some scheme whereby the existing conditions may be remedied.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to receive \$1.50 proceeds of sale of old material from fence and bridge; and the Reeve and Clerk instructed to sign the several school orders for general rates and estimates; the treasurer was instructed to charge a number of drains with C. of R. and Clerk's fees, and credit the Gen. Fund; 200 copies of the financial statement presented by the Treasurer, were ordered printed when completed.

The following reports of condition of work were placed on file:—The Reeve, Richard Young, on Base Line bridge and special gravelling of E. T. Line.

J. B. Clark, condition of work in Ward 3.

W. J. Corlett, condition of work in Ward 1.

J. R. Walters, condition of work in Ward 4.

G. S. Gerber, condition of work in Ward 2.

A large number of accounts were ordered paid.

G. W. RISEBOROUGH, Clerk.

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