## The Planet.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14. MR. STEPHENS AND THE REGI MENT.

Our excellent young military friend, Lieutenant Will A. Coltart, the energetic and capable adjutant of the 24th Regiment, yesterday favored The Planet with an interesting letter setting forth the services of Mr. George Stephens, M. P., to the

Mr. Coltart is a capital writer and the fact that he pronounces his politics G-r-r-r-itt does not deteriorate from the vehemence of his correspondence on Mr. Stephens' be half. It was a spirited letter and we have no doubt Mr. Stephens enjoyed re-reading it in print in the columns of his great home journal.

While The Planet would have liked to see the diligent services of Hon. Mr. Tarte, Colonel Rankin, Major Scholfield and others-including Lieutenant contart himself-recognized in these matters, it is quite content for its part to let Mr. Stephens shoulder all the credit. He appears to need it most badly.

Then, again, it would be such pity to introduce matters of petty politics into our regimental affairseven for the sake of as excellent, a gentleman as Mr. Stophens.

## ELECTION OR SESSION.

Says the Ottawa Citizen: There is much speculation at present as to whether the Dominion Government will hold another session or appeal to the country. From the differences of opinion among people who should be well informed here at the source of information, there is good ground for the belief that the Cabinet is in a quandry and has not yet decided upon either course. There is no doubt a strong feeling in favor of going to the country at the earliest possible moment when the evil days come not and the Ross Government is yet able to hang on to its precarious lease of life. The control of the election machinery and the liquor vote in Ontario is no small factor in the problem. Besides times are good and the Government would prefer, if possible, to avoid the possible revelations of

public moneys. But opposed to the manifest advantage of an early appeal to the people, is the rather awkward position in which the Government finds itself in regard to the only real manifestation of policy of which it has been guilty during its eight years of office, namely, the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. One of the chief incentives too the holus bolus acceptance of the project and its railroading through the house was the alluring prospect of a fat campaign fund. Optimists talked largely of a million dollars as a mot unreasonable evidence of gratitude on the part of the promoters whose reluctance to wait forced the Government into fathering a half-baked, and, it would appear from the financiers' point of view, an undigestible Government was able to make its tion, the projectors of the enterprise do not appear to have been equally successful in dealing with the British financiers on similar lines. When the canny Britisher opens his pocket he wants to know something more definite in the way of details about a huge enterprise of that kind. The projectors might not be able to wait a parliamentary scrutiny of their scheme, but their impetuosity does not find such ready sympathizers among the men whose opinion of a scheme depends on the cold facts on which may be founded the judgment of prospective dividends.

That the Grand Trunk Pacific is having difficulty in financing its project is apparent from the inability to put up the deposit of five million in cash as agreed, and the acceptance by the Government of mortgage bonds instead cannot be legal until it is endorsed by Parliament, which endorsement would of course, involve another session. prominent London financier writing

gentleman in Ottawa says: The company has certainly broken its contract with the government and I am practically sure it cannot keep it, even if backed by the Grand Trunk. The board of the latter have had several stormy meetings since the passage of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, and when Mr. Hayes was here there was much recrimination. The Times correspondent cabled from Ottawa (Times, Dec. 19) that Sir Wilfrid Laurier told him that the Grand Trunk had deposited with the government £1,000,000 mortgage bonds of

the Grand Trunk as a guarantee that the contract would be carried out but that the deposit had to be con firmed by a public meeting of th Grand Trunk shareholders. The shareholders of the Grand Trunk are,

believe, not disposed to ratify such the Grand Trunk can make any mon ey out of the scheme as devised. The financial world here will not back it. They have no millions to to s into what they consider more a political than a commercial venture. The engineering world condemns the project as very badly devised and the military authorities at the war office are opposed to accentuating the present weak stragetic position of Canada. Thus it looks as if the scheme would fall to pieces."

In the face of this project it does not appear opportune for the government to appeal to the country. its only claim to public approval appears to have ended in a fizzle, or, what is much more to the point, the projectors are for the present, at least, not in a position to come down with that handsome campaign fund when their financial resources are not equal to putting up the initial deposit for the scheme. It looks like a session

### ROSS MAJORITY

The Globe considers that Hon George W. Ross has a perfect right to call the legislature together because he has a majority of two in the legislature. But how long would he have that majority if he had not, by his action in summoning the legislature to meet or Jan. 14, necessitated a postporement of the election trials? Not one of the Grit members whose seats have been attacked was willing to go on with the trials while the legislature was in session. In referring to Mr. Ross' position the St. Thomas Times soys:

A majority of the electors of Ontario have decided against them. They are there through fraudulent use of the numbered ballot, through intimidation and wholesale bribery, through resorting to all manner of trickery, through muzzling the law. The result in North R nfrew justifies the belief that had the election trials been allowed to go through four or five constituencies would have opened, in every one of which, by a square election, opponents of the government would have been return-

another session regarding the manner in which it is dealing with the Has a member fraudulently elected moral right to sit and vote in the legislature? The honest electorate of the country will say No. If the members for the four Norths and Sault Ste. Marie are there by fraud they do not represent the people of those constituencies; and every vote they record in the House is a vote for the benefit of a Cabinet discredited by a majority of the people, and not a vote for the people for whom they presume to sit. The Ross government is in a minority so far as the popular vote is concerned, and would be in a minority in the legislature if the wishes of the people had not been thwarted by agents paid by the government to debauch and defraud the electors.

Had Mr. Ross been honest with the people he might be excused for hanging on to the last, but he has no scheme calling for a very heavy right to hold on with the popular expenditure of money. While the vote against him, and being supported by the votes of members whose right supporters open their mouths and to sit has been impeached by actions shut their eyes to bolt the proposi- in law, and who, in fact, have no right to sit in the house.

Mr. Ross may wriggle and defy the will of the people a little longer, but the beginning of the end is in sight. He would have preserved his dignity had he surrendered office when he found a majority of the electors against him, or had he scraped the barnacles off the ship of state when they were found. He chose to tolerate the barnacles, and even defend them. Having assumed that attitude he must submit to the penalty and go down with the disabled ship. The sturdy, faithful, honorable Liberals who have believed in and supported Mr. Ross for a generation are aroused, and will stand by him no longer.

Pardo, Grit M. L. A., says Ross is in eep water. I suppose he is afraid to get into shallow water for fear some of the barnacles get scraped off .-Hamilton Spectator

Pardo, M. L. A., at Chatham the other day said Mr. Ross "is in deep water now." Mr. Pardo also said, "I am glad the people have confidence in Mr. Ross," Now, who are "the people?" About 8,000 majority of the electors of Ontario have said they have no confidence in Mr. Ross,-Stratford Herald.

Those are real cruel cracks that the Banner is taking at the aldermen these days. Ald. Piggott got his petty personal jab the other day and resented it personally at the Council Board. Now everyons will be wonder. ing how Ald. McCo.g will digest the dose of physic the lill potian editore dished up to him last night.

## MORNING FOG

There was a heavy fog in this city yesterday morning. The early risers were all worrying over the mist as they recalled the ancient adage, "A winter fog will freaze a dog." Many winter fog will freeze a dog." Many there were who shivered as they repeated this formula that forefold cold weather. Some there were, however, who found solace in this, "There are times when all sgns fail."

One old resident remarked that there was an adage to the effect that a fog in January meant a frost in June. Nearly everybody found consolation in the proverbal January thaw,

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## WORLD OF SPORT \*\*\*\*\*

THE RING

GANS GOT JUDGMENT.

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Detroit, Mich. Jan. 12.—"Joe" Gans, the light-weight champion, was given a well-merited decision over "Willie" Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, at the end of 'their tenth round of the bout before the Metropolitan A. C. to-night. He knocked Fitzgerald down four times, forced the fighting the major portion of the time and landed more effectively and more powerful blows. Fitzgerald bad the better of only two rounds. In the fifth Fitzgerald's blows checked the colored man, and in the ninth Fitzgerald landed a terrific left swing on Gans' jaw, making the latter which are mostly swallowed during, sleep cause poisonous disorders of the throat, stomach and lungs, which rapidly develop into dyspepsia laryngitis, bronchitis and consumption. When these diseases become established, especially the latter, the result is too well known to need-pointing out.

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Marks Bros.' bill last night was The R deemed Pledge, and was one of the best of the week, and the house was comfortably filled. The drawing power of Marks Bros. is simply won-derful. In their two weeks' engage. ment here, they have not had a single bad night. 111日 11日 1日 1日 1日

BRITISH PRESTIGE FAILING.

The London Times' Correspondent at Shanghai Cites One Reason.

London, Jan. 13 .- The correspondent of The Times at Shanghai illustrates the decadence of British commercial prestige in China by citing the action of two British electric companaction of two. British electric companies with reference to a tramway contract at Shanghai. They have abandoned the contract, alleging the impossibility of raising capital owing to the uncertainty of the political outlook. Their action, the correspondent says, emphasizes the criticism recently directed against the methods of British financiers in the far east.

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