

## The Planet

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## SPARE TIME OF COUNTY JUDGES.

The "side lines" in which the energy of a County Court Judge may find vent in this Province are numerous and, on the whole, rather profitable. A Dominion departmental employee, making more than a certain small annual sum out of his employment, is prohibited by statute from having any other occupation whatever; but a County Court Judge is at liberty to augment this income in any way which pleases him. As a natural result, the busier and more centralized the district in which the judge finds himself, and the larger his list of cases, the easier it is for him to eke out the revenues by special arbitrations. It is, therefore, by a natural process the busiest of the courts whose judges are selected for this purpose. It is said that some judges in the larger cities of Ontario spend from one-third to half of their business time acting on boards of arbitration, for which they receive a liberal fee.

It needs no demonstration that the Province should be entitled, if the business of the court demands it, to the whole working time of a judge. Under the present system, a judge who is a popular arbitrator is not likely to refuse a well-paid arbitration for the sake of adjudicating cases which bring him in nothing. The arbitration is a comparatively modern method of settling differences, and its present great popularity in cases affecting public bodies, municipal councils, and so forth, cannot have been even dreamed of in the days when the judicial counties of Ontario were first arranged. It is perfectly natural that the arbitrating parties should seek the services of a man accustomed to weighing evidence, and that the judge should be glad to accord those services for a consideration; and the only party that suffers is the people, who have to provide more judges than are necessary for the court work in order that they may have time to do private work for private pay. With an increase of salaries to a reasonable figure, every excuse for this practice would be abolished. The judge could be called upon to decline all remuneration outside of his salary, and the arbitrating parties would have small trouble in finding men elsewhere to weigh their arguments.

Every payment received by a man in a judicial position, outside of his stated or implied salary, contains in itself the possibility of a bias of judgment, and is wrong in principle and bad in expediency. Without suggesting for a moment that any County Court Judge could be bribed or consciously influenced, we must yet admit that a man is liable to feel friendly towards the persons or corporations who have given and will give him fat arbitration jobs. The same is true of every other means of adding to his livelihood, except those which are attracted by fixed custom to his office. Of those there has lately been a decrease. The revision of voters' lists was a duplicate task in the days when Dominion registration was separate and distinct from Provincial, so that there is another reduction in the duties of an overburdened body. The frequent appointment of junior judges has a similar effect upon the special duties and perquisites of the office by dividing them up among two claimants. The most objectionable form of extra earnings, on the other hand, is also a matter of Government patronage, but consists of those appointments which do not necessarily go with the office, and the seeking or acceptance of which in these partisan days places the judge in a most regrettable relation to the party in power. It should be clearly laid down by statute precisely what duties and payments can be accorded the county judge in any class of county and those should neither be added to nor reduced for individual cases. The duties of County Court Judge and Local Master of the High Court are too important for the Legislature to decide whether they shall be performed by one man or two.—Toronto News.

## A WILD THRUST AT SOMEBODY.

The Presbyterian. The investigation that has filled so large a place in the public thought during the past weeks is an illustration of the fact that unprincipled citizens are the worst possible assets that a country can have. Public business has been paralyzed, bitterness and bad blood have been generated, the country has been put to an enormous expense, and the fair name of Ontario has been besmirched in the eyes of the world.

## IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

Sir Gilbert Parker. We must always be responsible for the naval defence of the colonies, and for the protection of colonial as well as imperial commerce, but the colonies themselves must be responsible for their military defence, and that de-

## Scrofula

This root of many evils—Glandular tumors, abscesses, pimples, and other cutaneous eruptions, sore ears, inflamed eyelids, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, readiness to catch cold and inability to get rid of it easily, paleness, nervousness, the consumptive tendency, and other ailments—

Can be completely and permanently removed, no matter how young or old the sufferer.

Hood's Sarsaparilla was given the daughter of Silas Vernoy, Wawarsing, N. Y., who had broken out with scrofula sores all over her face and head. The first bottle helped her and when she had taken six the sores were all healed and her face was smooth. He writes that she has never shown any sign of the scrofula returning.

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fence can only be a real defence when the manhood of the country is trained from boyhood up in the use of arms and the rudiments of drill. It is only the strong man who can protect the product of his own energies and can prevent it becoming an unearned increment to his enemy. I hope the day will come when every high school and collegiate institution in every portion of the empire will provide a nucleus of real military strength and of healthy defence of manhood.

## A Written Opinion.

A portly and pompous man once held a commission as brigadier general of militia and a license to practice law, neither of which, says the Green Bag, he had much occasion to use. He finally had a case before the supreme court and proudly hoped to see his name in the reports as counsel for the plaintiff above a long and elaborate opinion of the court.

When his case was called on opinion day, he was enraged to hear the simple announcement from the bench, "Affirmed."

After the court adjourned he went to Judge McKinney, whom he knew well, and said, "Judge, I thought that the supreme court at least would obey the law."

"Wherein has the court failed?" asked the judge.

"The law requires that a written opinion be delivered in every case this court tries, and none was delivered in this case."

The judge had the record brought to him and placed at the bottom of the page. Placing his finger on the abbreviation "Aff'd," he said to the ambitious general: "See there! 'Aff'd.' Isn't that a written opinion?"

## When Coal Was Prohibited.

It makes the present generation smile to read the accounts which have come down to us concerning the prejudices which were formerly entertained against certain articles which are now of everyday consumption.

For instance, it is said that when coal was first used in England the prejudice against it was so strong that the house of commons petitioned the king to prohibit the use of the "noxious" fuel.

A royal proclamation having failed to abate the nuisance, a commission was issued to ascertain who burned coal within the city of London and its neighborhood, to punish them by fines for the first offence and by the demolition of their furnaces if they persisted in transgressing. A law was finally passed making it a capital offense to burn coal in the city and only permitting it to be used by forges in the vicinity. It is stated that among the records in the Tower of London a document was found according to which a man was hanged in the time of Edward I. for no other crime than having been caught burning coal. It took three centuries to entirely efface the prejudice.—London Answers.

## CURING CONSUMPTION.

When Scott's Emulsion makes the consumptive gain flesh it is curing his consumption.

Exactly what goes on inside to make the consumptive gain weight when taking Scott's Emulsion is still a mystery.

Scott's Emulsion does something to the lungs too that reduces the cough. More weight and less cough always mean that consumption is losing its influence over the system.

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## THE EARS.

Large ears, drooping at the top, belong to persons more animal than human.

In human beings of low or debased mental standard the ears are large and flabby. Note those of idiots, cretins, etc.

Ears in which the "hem" is flat, as if smoothed down with a flatiron, accompany a vacillating mind and cold, unromantic disposition.

When there is no lobe and the ear widens from the bottom upward, the owner is of a selfish, cunning and revengeful disposition.

Large round ears with a neat "hem" around their border, well carved, not flat, indicate a strong will and a bulldog tenacity of purpose.

When the ear is oval in form, with the lobe slightly but distinctly marked, it indicates for its owner a lofty idealism, combined with a morbidly sensitive nature.

The person who has an ear with a rounded, ovate top is almost without exception one with a placid disposition and a nature that pines to love and be loved in return.

## Mice That Subvert on Scorpions.

Among the queer forms of animal life that inhabit Death valley is a mouse that has acquired such a taste for scorpions that they form its entire bill of fare. The scorpion carries its formidable armament in the end of its slender, elongated abdomen in the shape of an exceedingly venomous, hooked sting. When disturbed, it elevates this in the air and goes in search of its disturber. But it is comparatively slow in its motions, while mice are proverbial for their quickness the world over. The mouse learned many generations ago where the scorpion carries its weapon, and when he meets it he leaps at the uplifted abdomen, takes off the sting at a single bite and proceeds to make a meal of his helpless prey. It is supposed to be the only animal that relishes scorpions.

## Earsache.

A simple, harmless and infallible cure for earsache is effected by making a small funnel of stiff paper and saturating a ball of cotton the size of a hickory nut with chloroform and dropping it into the funnel; place the small end of the funnel in the ear, draw a long breath and then blow the breath into the large end of the funnel. The fumes of the chloroform are thus carried into the ear, and all pain ceases at once.

## There Are Exceptions.

"Do you mean to say," she inquired indignantly, "that there never was a woman who could keep a secret?"

"Oh, not at all," he protested earnestly. "To the contrary, there was Lot's wife, who never up to the present day has revealed what she saw when she stopped to take a farewell glance at the town she was leaving."

## A Real Trouble.

Cordelia—I am always worried when I am buying new clothes.

Cordelia—Why?

Cordelia—Oh, I can't decide whether to look stylish and be uncomfortable or to be comfortable and look a fright.

## Convinced.

"A great deal may be said on the subject," said the prolix person.

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With a stock that is as complete and as up-to-date as we know how to make it; with such a variety of styles and grades, enough to satisfy every fancy, and with values the best that big and careful buying can give. Why shouldn't this be your best and safest place for buying dress goods?

Panama suitings—A new canvas weave, pure wool, 43 inches wide, good costume weight, in black and eight leading spring shades, special per yard 50c.

Black mohair lustrous—Extraordinary values in rich silk lustrous, 42 inches to 48 inches wide, guaranteed dyes, at per yard 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Colored mohair lustrous—46 inches wide, rich silky finish, colors light, mid and dark grey, navy, mid, blue and brown, special per yard 50c.

Satin cloths, rich silky finish, pure wool, wide width, in every fashionable spring shade, special per yard 50c.

Covert suitings, fine pure wool, 46 inches to 52 inches wide, rich venetian finish, warranted not to spot or shrink, two special lines, in colors black, navy, mid blue, light, navy, argente, seal, mid brown, golden brown, castor, fawn and pearl, special at per yard 75c and \$1.00.

Flaked canvas suitings, 44 inches wide, fine wools, in pretty colorings, special at per yard 75c and 50c.

French Voiles, rich, soft, clinging fabrics, 44 in. wide, made from finest wools, in black and every fashionable spring shade, two special lines at per yard 85c and \$1.00.

Black Etamines, in fine and medium mesh, 44 in. to 48 in. wide, pure wools, best dye, rich, bright finish, matchless values, at per yard 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.40 and \$1.50.

Colored Etamines, 46 in. wide, superior pure, wool quality, medium mesh, in reseda, champagne, cream, navy, castor and argente, a good \$1.00 line, special, at a yard 85c.

Crepines, a rich, soft, clinging fabric of fine silk and wool, bright finish, full 46 in. wide, in black and all the spring colorings, special, at per yard \$1.25.

Creme de Chenes, in all wool and silk and wool, 44 in. wide, three special lines, in full range of shades, at per yard, 60c, 75c and \$1.00.

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Mohair grenadines, rich brilliant finish, new designs, in black, black and white, and white and black, special at per yard 40c and 50c.

Printed all wool delaines, fine quality, 31 inches wide, in choice range of new designs and colorings for waists, etc., at per yard 40c and 45c.

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Velvet cord suitings, three special lines, medium and heavy cords, superior quality and finish, in black and eleven new spring shades, at per yard 40c, 50c and 75c.

Scotch tweed suitings, fine pure wools, in rich flaked and fancy designs, 44 inches to 54 inches wide, special at per yard 65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

50 inch serges at 50c yard, fine pure wool dress serges, navy and black, bright finish, firm twills, spring weight, full 50 inches wide, worth 75c a yard, special at 50c.

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

## DRESDEN

May 11.—Miss Ruby Gordon, of Wallaceburg, is the guest of the Misses McKim.

H. Mitchell and Miss Ella Macdonnell, of Wallaceburg, were in town last evening.

Mrs. McDougall, of Wallaceburg, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Hicks on Saturday and Sunday, returning home this evening.

Mr. Chappell, of Croton, was in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Thos. Wells is visiting her father, Mr. Botting, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Frank Emery, Fred. Budd and George Paddock, of Florence, were in town on Saturday.

Rev. Dr. Cook, of Wallaceburg, was in town on Saturday, leaving that evening for Florence.

Roy Miller, of Florence, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. E. Miller, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hillson, of Florence, were in town on Sunday.

## WALLACEBURG

May 11.—Miss J. Coltart, of Chatham, was the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Hay, Saturday.

Fraser Shamblean, of Chatham, visited Wallaceburg friends over Sunday.

Mrs. G. Colwell is on a visit with her friends in Delhi, Ont.

Walter Jeffs, of Dresden, was the guest of Frank Jeffs over Sunday.

The St. Monica's Guild will hold a parlor concert Wednesday evening at the home of D. A. Gordon.

Rev. A. C. Baker, of Sarnia, was in town last week on business.

Miss Ida Husband, of Chatham, and Miss A. Husband, who is in charge of Calvin school, spent Sunday at their home.

The apron sale, which was given Saturday by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, was a financial success. A piano was kindly loaned by A. McKittion, so that a musical program was carried on throughout the day.

The Rowland-Young Stock Co. commenced their week's engagement in the Opera House to-night.

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Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the Best.

## JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Mrs. Ed. L. Smith and Gilbert Smith left on Monday last for Harbor Beach, Mich., to be present at the wedding of Manley Smith, who was married on Tuesday to Miss Netta Coulter. Gilbert Smith was best man for his brother.

The S. Hadley Co. are putting up a small dwelling for Mr. Cartier, light-house keeper, to live in until a suitable building can be erected. Captain and Mrs. Joyce spent a few days last week at their summer cottage at the lighthouse.

Miss Forbes is in Rosedale this week the guest of Miss Burgess.

Miss Ella Stewart, Tilbury, was a guest of Miss Forbes last Friday.

The Rev. C. W. Dawn, at the recent

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## RIPANS

exams. held in Stratford, passed with honors, taking 75 per cent. in every subject.

W. Shaw was in Detroit on Monday attending the funeral of a relative.

## "A SUMMER FAIRYLAND."

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. M. PIPER, Architect.

## Notice to Contractors

Bulk of separate tenders will be received at the offices of the undersigned architects, addressed to W. F. Robertson, Esq., marked tender for church at Valetta, up till 7 o'clock p. m. Friday, May 15th next, for the several branches of work required in the erection of a brick Presbyterian Church. Plans and specifications to be seen at the offices of architects and addressed to the secretary.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Building committee provides all building stone, bricks and sand on the grounds.

W. F. ROBERTSON, Sec. Building Com.

J. L. WILSON & SON, Architects, Chatham, Ont.

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