

TOM GROVES IN DOVER

He Writes a Clever Letter
From Interesting Spot
In England

A Few Side-Lights on
Historical Events—
Pleasant Visit

2 Crabble Willa, Dover.

Editor Planet.—I am extending my program. When I left Canada, Dover was not on my list, but very fortunately for me I had a cousin in Dover, who gave me a pressing invitation for me to visit Dover before going to London. Leaving London for Dover, reminded me very much of our own Chatham, and County of Kent. We claim that the County of Kent, Ontario, is the Garden of Canada, and it is a noted fact that the County of Kent, England, is the Garden of England, extending from London to Dover about 75 miles.

You pass through a charming country, thousands of acres of hops, all kinds of fruit trees and farming country. We pass through Chatham and Canterbury with a splendid view of Canterbury Cathedral from the railway, then we come to the greatest place of interest of all Dover. What shall I say of this great fortress? Words of mine cannot describe it, but I can say that I was proud to stand on the great chalk cliffs, that for centuries have defied all foreign invaders, and which are the bulwarks of peace for England. Where is there a power that dare show the now into the Channel. The English Channel is the one we have to watch and depend upon. Although there is no landman knows the secret of these forts, you can see enough to satisfy you that England is prepared for any foe. Dover Castle never was destroyed, although the town was burned several times. William, the Conqueror made several attempts to take it and failed, but the Castle honorably surrendered. There are many places of interest in and around the Castle. The Roman Light-house, built by Julius Caesar, is very interesting, standing about 50 feet high, octagonal tower with eight windows at the top and massive built. A very interesting ceremony took place at the Castle when the Lord Warden of Cinque Ports was installed in office, but I must leave this extensive Castle and pass on.

I was very much pleased with a beautiful piece of machinery known by the name of Queen Elizabeth's pocket pistol. It was presented to that Sovereign by the State of Holland. It was cast at Utrecht in 1544. Its length is 24 feet, made of brass and beautifully carved. The inscription in Dutch below reads, "Load me well and keep me clean, I will carry a ball to Calais Green."

The whole Channel fleet can anchor within its own piers, sheltered by the hills of Dover. In company with my cousin and his charming wife, I walked to the south foreland lighthouse, the most powerful lighthouse in the world. It is a flash light, with an electric power house near by. This is Land's End. I stood within ten feet of the last land of England and could plainly see the coast of France. I picked up a few pieces of the chalk cliff as a souvenir. I have seen the last of land in Wales, Holyhead, the last of land in England, and I will leave it for some of our Chathamites to visit John O'Grady's. We continued our pleasant walk along the hills to St. Margaret's Bay, a beautiful little summer resort. We rested and had refreshments, and then walked four miles back to Dover. I came in touch with some of the best hearted men to be found in the world, the pilots of Dover. My cousin, M. F. Groves, is one of them. He went to sea at 15 years of age and sailed for 16 years to Australia, San Francisco, and all parts of the world, and he has climbed up from the bottom of the ladder to the top, and has been a pilot for eight years at Dover. I learned some valuable information about the pilots in the English Channel to and from London. There are eighty pilots stationed at Dover to take the ships to London up the south channel, and they have to take their command in rotation. They have a large pilot steamer laying off Dungeness that has 24 pilots on board, and as the ships come for London, no matter if the ship is a large or small one, they all get the same pay, and as the pilots are taken off they are in communication with Dover. They are 300 pilots in all from London. I spent a very pleasant time in Dover with the best of relatives, and I carry away with me very pleasant memories. With my kind regards to the citizens of Chatham.

Yours sincerely,
TOM GROVES.

THE BENT GOODS CO'Y.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Sir,—I have been busy at the Fair, so could not, until now, reply to the fuddled fulmination of the above institution.

As, no doubt, many of your readers have not seen my letter in your columns, in reference to the excessive noise inflicted, undoubtedly through ignorance, on the community by the B. G. Co., through their blower, I will summarize its contents.

I quoted Mr. Byram's own statements to me regarding the location of the origin of the noise, and the inability of themselves and the Park Bros. to reduce it. I then wrote that a jacket of sand around the galvanized iron piping, through which the sound passed to the top of the building, would deaden or kill the sound. There was not one word that any person of common sense could take offence at; but who would have acted upon the suggestion if they had not previously had experience of the deadening effect of sand on sound.

These people, in their egotistical ignorance, apparently do not know that when the people who lived beside the elevated railway in New York City, complained of the rumbling noise of the passing cars, the Railway Company, which was composed of gentlemen, at once offered a \$10,000.00 prize to anyone who would devise a means of annihilating the sound. There were many schemes proposed, but the only successful solution of the trouble was a piece of iron rail set in a box of sand, brought to the company by a woman. She got the \$10,000.00. But this Chatham B. G. Co. does not pretend to believe in having sand, and as the writer of their letter had not, and enough to sign his own name, but that of the company, I must consider it as the Corporate Composition of an Incompetent Corporation.

Now, sir, any letter I ever write to the press is not on a matter affecting me individually, but only as one of the community. The motto which I have always endeavored to live by is,—I will impose on no one; no one shall impose on me. Every right I claim for myself I insist upon belonging to every one else. This principle I believe to be the foundation of human liberty. The man who infringes on the rights of others is a bully; and the man who submits to being bullied is on the borders of slavery.

The U. S. Constitution quotes as a fundamental principle, "That all men are born with equal rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." That holds good in Canada, where men assert their rights.

Some who read that B. G. Co. letter have said, to remember the old proverb,—"Answer not a fool according to his folly." But that does not prohibit exposing the folly of the fool.

Sir, the establishment I refer to keeps up, day in and day out, month in and month out, for ten hours a day, a booming roar, which is distinctly heard six and seven miles out in the country. You can by this judge what it must be to the sick and nervous women and children in the immediate vicinity.

If every factory in North and South Chatham kept up a similar noise—which they have as a right to do—how many people would care to live in Chatham. "Self preservation is the first law of nature." The man who will not defend himself and his property is a cowardly cur. The man who will not defend his wife or child against injury is a contemptible Poltroon. And, sir, I claim that right to defend should be as legal in the case where the injury is inflicted by slow torture to the nervous system, as by direct assault to the person and, on the other hand, the party who will continue to inflict a preventable injury upon the sick of an unoffending community, for the mere purpose of saving a few dollars, and a man with a wheelbarrow, is exhibiting characteristics which can not be found in the nature of beast, shark or reptile.

With regard to Mr. Joseph Zink he is a gentleman, and we have been friends for many years, and as far as I am concerned we will remain so to the end. But, there are others who appear to have the same consideration for the interests of others as the Bent Goods Company. As soon as I find this to be the case I quickly let them know which side of the fence is theirs, and if the fence is not there I supply the deficiency in quantity and quality to accord with the circumstances.

As for lubricating with Veteran's Sure Cure, the machinery does not need it, it was not made by the Bent Goods Company. If it could penetrate so as to reach what brains the company have, it might develop some dormant faculties that would render them fit citizens for a civilized community.

Now that this nuisance has been drawn to the attention of the authorities it is their duty to see to its extermination or decided abatement. If our firemen did not promptly attend to their duty on an occasion such as, unfortunately, occurred to-day, they would be deservedly dismissed from the department.

It should be the same with those who are paid to protect the community at large. When they know, or are informed that some are infringing on the rights of others, it should be their duty to investigate and compel restitution, and not leave the onus upon the private citizen.

W. K. MERRIFIELD.
Chatham, Sept. 20, 1907.

The only way some fellows shine in society is with their coat sleeves.

No bread is dry to the hungry.

LETTERS

DISTRICT

DRESDEN

Dresden, Sept. 20.—Rev. Robert Ross, of Ruthford, was a Dresden visitor on Tuesday.

Master Garland Henderson gave a party to a number of his little friends on Friday afternoon in honor of his sixth birthday.

Mrs. Walker and granddaughter, Miss Ivy Hopkins, of North Dresden, left on Thursday for Detroit, where they will spend the winter months. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fox, North Dresden, on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Deseronto, are the guests of Mrs. Marsh.

The ladies of the Methodist church have decided to give three social evenings instead of the customary tea meeting. The ladies have appointed a committee in each Ward who will provide an entertainment in their turn. Something quite out of the ordinary is expected. Chester Watson has returned after a few weeks in Fort William.

W. A. McCutcheon, of Glenora, spent Thursday with Frank Birch.

EAST AND WEST

The Growth of National Spirit in This Country.

There are still some people who imagine that the extremities of Canada are self-centered and careless of what is being done in Ontario and Quebec. It has been said that the Nova Scotia doesn't know what is being done in Toronto, and more than that, doesn't care. This is not a fair statement. All manufacturers know that the growth of the national spirit has awakened a keen interest. An example is provided by the J. A. McDonald Piano and Music Company, of Halifax, the leading Nova Scotia music firm. Last year this firm made at the Dominion Exhibition at Halifax the finest display of Gauray art pianos ever seen in the East. The business growing from that exhibit was so large that Mr. McDonald resolved to make even a better display for this year's Fair. In order to provide himself with the goods he required, he travelled to Toronto in the early days of the recent Exhibition to see the Gauray exhibit here, and, if possible, to make his selections in advance of his competitors. He was successful in being first on the ground, and purchased most of the Art Gauray pianos displayed. In consequence, he went away with a large satisfaction in his heart. It has been proved that the people of Nova Scotia want pianos, not alone beautiful in tone quality, but of artistic case design as well. In the Gauray the combination is found.

THE BANANA CASES

The case of Zakoor vs. Tavato, in which the former accuses the latter of obstructing the street, came before Judge Houston yesterday morning, and was adjourned till Sept. 24.

In the case of Tavato vs. Zakoor, in which Tavato charges Zakoor with damaging his property, Zakoor was committed for trial. W. J. Smith is counsel for Zakoor and R. L. Bracklin is acting for Tavato.

The witnesses examined yesterday morning were Richard Zakoor, Frank Tavato, Jos. McLean, "Mac" Gardiner, Albert Bestfield, Mr. Robertson and Tavato's daughter.

STUDENTS ENTERTAINED

The members of the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church League provided a social evening to the students and strangers of the city, in the school room of the church last night.

A large crowd was present and an excellent program was given. Rev. Mr. Graham acted as chairman. The opening number was a selection from a quartet, composed of the Misses Maggs and Messrs. Wanless and Cunningham. Following this was a recitation by little Miss Margaret Beaver. Ed. Wanless sang a solo in his usual good manner, after which a solo was sung by Miss Daisy Carter. Miss Carter was in excellent voice and rendered her solo with much expression and ability.

R. A. Cunningham, president of the society, rendered a solo, following which was a recitation by Miss Matie Harrild. Miss Vandervoort, the guest of the Misses Teeter, sang a solo. Miss Verlyn Lamont, elocutionist, again won for herself a triumph in her rendering in the Negro dialect the number entitled "Sunday Fishing." Miss Lamont is a pupil of Miss Verna M. Sheldon, who is an honor graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory, of Boston. Her work last night was of a very high order and won for her rounds of applause. Solos were sung by Miss Tena Harper and J. D. McAlpine, and a piano duet by Miss Eva Dyer and Miss Pearl Maggs was much appreciated and applauded.

A guessing contest was next held and a very pleasant time was spent. The program on the whole, was a success and the students and strangers should feel greatly indebted to the Victoria Avenue League for their kindness in providing such a fine evening's entertainment.

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Flannelette Blankets—2 special lines at last year's prices while they last, fine heavy quality, large size, grey or white, with colored ends, the pair \$1.25 and \$1.

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Material Is Good.

Quebec, Sept. 20.—The Royal Commission in the Quebec bridge disaster have returned to town after a strenuous day's work at the Belair yard, and at the bridge works on the north side of the St. Lawrence at Cape Rouge.

The material inspected at the Belair yards is estimated at fully 9,000 tons, all of which was inspected and all found satisfactory.

Drowned by Cloudburst. Durango, Cal., Sept. 20.—The three young daughters of Samuel Cook were drowned by a cloudburst which filled a gulch in which they had taken refuge.

The girls entered a cave for shelter, and the gulch became filled with water, which rushed into the cave. The water caused the roof of the cave to fall and bury the children.

Elgin's Thanks. Ottawa, Sept. 20.—Lord Elgin, Colonial Secretary, has sent a message to the Canadian Ministers, thanking them on behalf of the British Government for the manner in which Canada entertained Prince Fushial.

Babe Smothers in Street. Havrelock, Sept. 20.—While driving from Gilbert station to visit her mother, Mrs. Russell of Toronto wrapped her shawl about her baby. On reaching the house she found the baby dead in her arms from suffocation.

Not Guilty of Forgery. Lindsay, Sept. 20.—The charge against Stephen Oliver of this town of forging a ten-dollar note was yesterday dismissed by County Magistrate Moore. Mason Campbell O. of Berlin were the prosecutors.

Another Aeronaut Killed. Troy, O., Sept. 20.—Edward Richards of Dayton, an aeronaut, dropped 1,000 feet to death at the Miami County Fair grounds.

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