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MONDAY, AUGUST 26.

WHAT ABOUT CHATHAM?

"What's the matter with Chatham, anyway?" asks the Ridgetown Dominion in referring to the census returns from this rapidly developing industrial centre.

It is a question that the Dominion has a right to ask. It is a question that the press and people all over the country have a right to ask, and will ask, on the census showing. And it is a commenting query that is calculated to do the Maple City much injury in business and commercial circles.

In other words, The Planet believes that the census returns for Chatham are, wrong—radically wrong. And this great home journal is of opinion, moreover, that the city should take steps to have them righted.

Ten years ago, before Chatham had donned the garb of cityhood, her population was proclaimed at 9,052, generally deemed a very accurate figure. Has there been any development—any enlargement—since that date? Ask the Chatham old boy who returns home after a decade. He will open his eyes in admiration and wonder at the progress and extension of its people. Ask the business man, the manufacturer, the citizen, who have grown up with Chatham, and they will tell of its splendid progress and the excellent development of its industries. Think of the town as it is now. Is there any question as to its growth—growth, at least, by hundreds?

The present census places Chatham's figures at 9,075—an increase of but 43 in the time alluded to. Does anyone believe, then? The Planet emphatically does not. This journal has too great a faith in this city, and has seen and experienced too much of its success and development to stand silent under such a census slander. The whole Province of Ontario generally seems to have suffered a very raw deal at the hands of the Messieurs who managed and manipulated the figures, and it is the emphatic duty of the Ontario Government, which has been appealed to by the press and people, to demand investigation and justice. Whether the Ross administration has sufficient loyalty to its constituents and the Province to do so, remains to be seen. This should not be a paltry matter of politics. It is a great problem that confronts every steward of the people and their rights in the Legislative halls. It must be undertaken and solved.

And in Chatham, emphatic protest should be registered. This splendid industrial city cannot afford to be maligned in the manner in which, we sincerely believe, it has been. Where the error lies this journal cannot say—it is for the authorities to ascertain. But The Planet does know this. That census slips were left at certain houses and never again called for, and consequently never entered, and that the local commissioner informed this

General Debility

Day in and out there is that feeling of weakness that makes a burden of itself. Food does not strengthen. Sleep does not refresh. It is hard to do, hard to bear, what should be easy,—vitality is on the ebb, and the whole system suffers. For this condition take

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journal that the census reports for this city forwarded to the Government showed a total of 9,083, while the Government reports it as 9,075. These may be small matters in themselves, but they are serious ones. They serve to show that omissions and reductions have occurred. The most thorough investigation alone can show to what extent.

In justice to our city let us have that investigation.

ANOTHER LIBERAL OPINION.

The Liberal Windsor Record prints an article which reveals a rather refreshing indifference as to whether Hon. John Dryden should remain Minister of Agriculture or not. The Record says:

"In Canada, where most men have to earn their living, it is not always easy to draw the line for men holding public positions as to how they should regulate their investments or speculations. In reference to the act of Hon. John Dryden in purchasing a cattle ranch in Dakota, we think it is hardly consistent with his position as minister of agriculture for this province. If he feels it is necessary to engage in cattle ranching in Dakota it is not absolutely necessary that he should also remain minister of agriculture in Ontario. He should make a choice."

The Planet is not in the confidence of Mr. Dryden. We are inclined to believe that he is not disposed to accept advice from this great home journal. Were he so disposed, and were we in the humor to give him a pointer we would tell John to hang on to his ranch. His career as Minister of Agriculture is drawing to a close in any event and he will have lots of time in the near future to attend to his Dakota enterprise.

CROP FAILURES AND FAMINE.

While in Canada we are rejoicing over the certainty of more than ordinarily good crops, and in some parts of the Dominion difficulty is being encountered in getting a sufficient number of men to gather in the harvest, reports from other grain-growing countries indicate that the wheat crop of the world is likely this year to fall below the average. In Russia, which usually has a large quantity of wheat for export, the outlook is particularly gloomy, and advices from Moscow go so far as to predict another famine. Nearly a third of the provinces of European Russia are officially declared to have produced "insufficient," and out of the seventy provinces only two have had good harvests. Among the "insufficient" are the best wheat growing districts, and the population of an area of half a million square miles is face to face with starvation. Russia has been in the habit of drawing on the resources of Siberia when the crops failed elsewhere, but this year Siberia is little better off than other parts, though even if it had a surplus the lack of roads leading into the rural districts would greatly minimize the help it might be. Over an enormous extent of the country, the only roads are the railways, and during the former famines thousands of people actually perished because it was found impossible to get food to them though they were within two hundred miles of a railway.

As Great Britain imports a large quantity of wheat from Russia, the failure in this source of supply is bound to increase the price, and the farmers of Manitoba will benefit by the misfortune of those of Eastern Europe. It ought, moreover, to impress on the British public the advantage which it would be to them were Manitoba fully settled and producing to its full capacity. When that time comes Great Britain will not require to go outside of her own Empire for food for her people, and will be no longer dependent on the

countries which sell her bread and at the same time would like to see her downfall. It is as much in the interest of the British to encourage emigration to the wheat fields of Canada as it is in the interests of Canada, and if the Imperial authorities are wise they will do their best to direct the tide of emigration to this country in the future.

This Chatham census is really about to incense.

Laurier's letter is "open" enough!—Hamilton Times.

Yes. "Open and empty" as 'twere.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's forte is evidently not letter-writing. His friends ought in charity to him hide his pens and keep him far away from pencils or type-writers.

Viewing it from the most generous standpoint, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter to R. L. Richardson, does not rise above the level of the "you're another" grade of reply.

It may be true that Millionaire Schwab's uncle is in jail because he could not pay a fine for drunkenness, and yet the fault and the shame of it may not all be on the head of the millionaire nephew, as some of our exchanges seem to think! The uncle cannot escape part of the blame.

The members of the City Council and the School Board at Guelph played a game of baseball on Saturday. The score was 27 to 19 in favor of the School Board at the end of the fifth innings. The full casualty list has not yet come to hand, but the papers say the Mayor, who was playing third base, "played out" in the second innings. If those newspapers in Guelph only got at it the South African war wouldn't be a circumstance.

Every editor has received those third notices, says a writer. The postmaster sends them to the editor, but the postmaster is not to blame. For instance, there was a man named Tim Short who sent us three notices to stop his paper, he didn't want it any longer. We wondered what was the matter. Upon investigation of our subscription list we found Tim was short \$2.50. He had never paid a cent and he stopped the paper as a matter of economy to us. A few evenings ago we stepped into a church and Tim's melodious tenor rang out clear in that soul-stirring hymn, "Jesus Paid It All." He might have been mistaken, but his earnestness impressed us. The next day we sent him a receipt in full, begging his pardon for not knowing that he had made an assignment of his liabilities to the Lord.

A MEANS TO THE END.

Mail and Empire.
Extra precautions are being taken to ensure that the Ophir will have a safe passage of the St. Lawrence. When every vessel is considered as important as the Ophir the safety of the route will no longer be a question.

ETIQUETTE IN BRANTFORD.

Brantford Courier.
It is to be hoped that Major Maude, the Governor-General's secretary, will condescend to publish a book on etiquette for the benefit of benighted Canadians. Perhaps it's wrong to take soup with a sponge and wash false teeth in finger bowls. A lot of us would like to know.

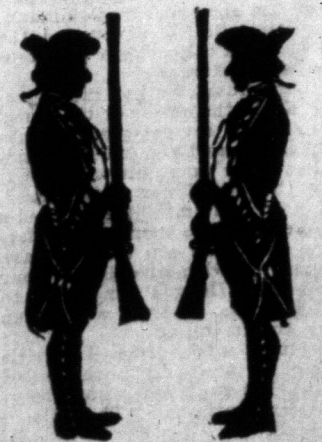
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LOSS AND GAIN.

Detroit Tribune.
The strike situation from either point of view may be summed up in the words of the Italian who described his commercial success by saying: "What I make on da peanut I lose on da dam banan."

A BUSY OLD MAN.

Toronto Star.
Sir Charles Tupper is the wonderful old man of Canada. Here he is once again crossing the ocean to attend a board meeting of a mining company in England, at a time of life when few men are able to stir their own tea.

Theatrical.

The opening attraction at the local theatre will probably be Roland Reed's famous comedy, "Humbly," with Walter Hodges in the leading role. This attraction is playing at the Grand Opera House, Boston, all this week.

Negotiations are under way for a production of "The Brownies in Fairyland," by a hundred local children under the direction of Malcolm Douglas, who was in charge of "The Brownies" production which packed the Grand to the doors some few years ago. Mr. Douglas is also to stage Klaw and Erlanger's great spectacle, "The Sleeping Beauty," which will be put on in October. This production of "The Brownies in Fairyland" is the same that packed Massey Hall in Toronto for three performances last season, and also filled the Detroit Opera House to the doors with most enthusiastic audiences. The costumes and scenic effects are said to be very fine.

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