

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

Natural Gas will be turned into the mains of this Company on February 15th next, on and after which date no artificial gas will be supplied.

In order to use Natural Gas it will be positively necessary for every gas consumer to have the piping in his house thoroughly tested with a pressure gauge at twenty pounds pressure. This is necessary on account of the Natural Gas being delivered at about three times greater pressure than artificial gas.

All stoves or ranges to be used for Natural Gas must have closed tops, and in every case a flue connection must be made from stoves to chimney.

While the manufacturers of gas stoves state that artificial gas stoves cannot be used for natural gas without being entirely rebuilt, it would appear from tests made at this Company's office that the artificial stove may be made serviceable with natural gas, by having a special closed top and flue connection made for the stove. A stove specially made for natural gas and one specially made for artificial gas may be seen by any consumer at this Company's office, both connected with natural gas, where any explanations necessary will be given by the Company's officers. Any coal range or wood stove may be easily and simply connected by special burner to use natural gas at small expense.

To use Natural Gas for lighting, it will be necessary to use mantles on all jets, since natural gas has practically no illuminating value when used as an open flame.

All connections to stoves or hot plates must be made with iron pipe, and in no case should rubber or other tubing be used for connections.

While this Company will look after as far as possible, any orders entrusted to its care for connections to stoves, furnaces, base-burners, etc., it will be impossible for the Company, to take care of all its customers, and the public will find all the local dealers and gas fitters ready to take orders.

Consumers are requested to have their work done as rapidly as possible, so that there will be as little inconvenience as possible when the Natural Gas is turned on.

Chatham Gas Company
Limited,
P. S. COATE, Manager.

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Part of the art of doing things is to attempt but a little at a time.

LETTERS

WOULD GO FARTHER.

To the Editor of The Planet:

If fishing in the Thames by net is to be stopped, why not stop it in the River Sydenham, and if the Government would purchase a little mill at Florence worth about \$500 they could remove the dam, then the people all the way up to Strathroy could have the same chance. At Dawn Mills and Florence for years a few men have had a monopoly of the River Sydenham by paying 1 am told, the paltry sum of \$10. Remove obstructions, stop net fishing, and let all have the same chance at the fish.

Yours respectfully,
ONE LAW FOR ALL PEOPLE.

HOUSE NUMBERING.

To the Editor of The Planet:

When it is said that the people of Chatham want our city property numbered and the names of the streets in aluminum, it is echoing the feelings of nearly every person of understanding in Chatham. Now I will be very brief and plain, and will say that it was I that urged upon the Council of last year the actual necessity of properly numbering the city. The Council adopted the style of numeral that I got for Chatham out of the different styles. The city numbered and aluminum plates of streets, and an up-to-date city directory with the names of every resident from the age of 14 or 15 years and upwards, would be a grand advertisement for Chatham, and should be done. There is no need of delaying this very popular requirement.

Very truly yours,
CHRISTOPHER FARRELL,
Chatham, Ont.,
Louise Street.

FISHERIES AGAIN.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Allow me a small space in your paper to say a few words about old times. In reading the letter of Mr. Merrifield in your paper a few days ago, I was amused. In the first place I wish to have no quarrel with Mr. Merrifield, but he evidently expresses himself as an expert on fish, for a man that can kill six fish in one shot is surely an expert. If Mr. Merrifield wanted to talk about old times, why didn't he tell us the condition of the country at that time. There is no doubt fish could be caught in every little creek, as he says, but does Mr. Merrifield know that thousands of acres of land along the river where the fish used to make their home, is now growing wheat and corn. He might have told us the cause of the disappearance of the wild pigeon, who used to be seen by millions. What became of the black squirrel, also the mosquitoes which used to be so thick around here? Surely Mr. Merrifield will not blame the fishermen for having caught them and shipped them to New York! Mr. Merrifield says at that time fish could be got for a song. Well, times have changed, as he says. He must be a better singer than I if he can supply the Chatham market to the satisfaction of his friend Mr. Wheeler. Well I suppose it is all over for this year. If there are no licenses granted in the river, time will tell how much better the people around here will be supplied with fish a year from now. I will be glad to hear how many Mr. Merrifield will kill in one shot next year.

THEODORE PELTIER,
Fishery Overseer.

CUSTOM RETURNS

The custom returns for the month of January show the following amounts received at the different ports in this county:

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| Chatham | \$10,663.69 |
| Ridgeway | 1,519.28 |
| Blenheim | 1,498.87 |
| Rondeau | 6,046.39 |
| Glencoe | 68.10 |
| Tilbury | 874.35 |
| Dresden | 7.06 |
| Total | \$20,677.74 |

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HIS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Langford of Stratford
Tendered Banquet By
His Congregation

WAS STATIONED HERE

Over four hundred guests were in attendance at the banquet given on the night of February 1 in Stratford in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Langford's entry into the Methodist ministry.

On behalf of the congregation Dr. Langford was presented with a purse of gold for himself and wife and also an illuminated address.

Rev. Dr. Langford, who on that day completed his fiftieth year in the ministry, commenced his first year in church work on the Belmont circuit near London.

He was born in Edinburgh in 1835 of Irish parentage, and with his parents came to Canada in 1854, locating near Granton on the farm where the doctor's brother, Isaac, now resides. In 1861 he was formally ordained, and soon afterwards married Miss Pamela Rowena Rich, daughter of the late Russell Rich, of St. John's, Wellington County. She has entered heartily into the life work of her husband, and has been beloved and respected by many friends in this district.

To Dr. and Mrs. Langford six children have been born, of whom only one, Miss Maria, is at home. The others are: Prof. Arthur Langford, M. A. of Victoria University; Rev. Fred. Langford, B. A. B. D., of Calgary, Alta., and Mrs. W. W. Rowell, of Toronto.

From each circuit upon which Dr. Langford has been stationed during his career one lay representative was invited to the banquet. The date given with each in the list below indicates the years in which Dr. Langford was engaged on the circuit. The list is as follows:

Mr. S. W. Fawcett, Belmont circuit, 1857; Mr. Newton Trip, Forestburg circuit, 1858; Mr. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, 1860, 1882, 1885; Rev. John Goodman, Cayuga circuit, 1861-63; Mr. J. Foster Elliott, Sarnia, 1866-68; Mr. S. F. Gardiner, Chatham, 1868-71, 1878-82; Rev. A. Brown, London, 1871-74; Mr. John Mann, Brantford, 1874-77; Mr. W. J. Robertson, M. A., St. Catharines, 1877-79; Mr. S. R. Parsons, Toronto, representing Winnipeg, 1885-87; Mr. C. J. Beal, London, 1887-90; Mr. W. A. Robinson, Brantford, 1890-93; Mr. J. R. L. Starr, Toronto, 1893-95; Mr. Marshall Green, Orangeville, 1895-97; Mr. R. B. Miller, and Mr. John Rutherford, Owen Sound, 1899-1903.

OIL NOTES

Matters are very quiet in the oil fields at present, owing to a score of wrecked derricks and the severe weather.

Two new wells came in this week—Nos. 3 and 4, on the M. Campbell farm, lot 5, concession 8, for O'Keefe & Drew, with good showings. This makes four excellent wells on this lease.

A well founded report is being circulated that an American syndicate has decided to pipe gas from Tilbury East wells to Blenheim. Sixteen miles six-inch pipe would be required, which would mean an enormous outlay to start with.

Dr. Geo. W. Fletcher, who is visiting his mother in Blenheim, has just returned from England, where he went to continue his medical studies, but was obliged to return on account of illness. He expects to cross to the old country again in a short time. The doctor has six producing oil wells on his farm near Fletcher.

With 30 feet of pay sand in the Tremblay well, wonderful possibilities are ahead for the Romney field. No. 1 well was opened again and is holding out well. No. 2 is doing excellently and a third will be started at once.

Well No. 2, on the Archie Gosnell farm, lot 2, concession 10, Tilbury East, was started last week by Curran & Hill, for C. K. O'Hara.

Two dry holes were struck last week to the northwest of the field—one on the John Murphy farm and one on the Leanne farm. The Malone well on the John Richardson farm at Valetta, opposite the Burgess gas well, was hung up on Friday with a bad fishing job at a depth of 800 feet, but work was resumed to-day.

The Spencer syndicate on the Shepard farm, 100 rods east of the Tremblay in Romney, reached 200 feet on Tuesday—40 feet deeper than the Tremblay well—with no indications, but boring will proceed at least to 400 feet. As a result, there is a boom in leases, to the west of the field, where big prices are said to be paid. No better indications were shown yesterday at 400 feet, and now it is proposed to shoot it at 200 feet, where there was a slight showing.

To give readers some idea of the amount of oil being taken from the Tilbury field, it might be mentioned that one farmer, James Stevenson, receives \$800 a month royalty for the oil taken from his farm. He gets every eighth barrel and there are now eight wells in operation on his property. By July next there will be at least sixteen wells down.

The second well on the Tremblay farm pumped 1,300 barrel from six o'clock Wednesday evening until five o'clock Thursday evening.

Shannon and Culbertson well No. 3 on the Chas. Campbell farm, north half lot 4, concession 9, is a light well, good for three barrels.

The Tullon Vincent Oil Co.'s well on the Kerr 25 acres, Tilbury East, was brought in and made 15 barrels in 24 hours.

The Amalgamated Oil Co.'s well No. 2 on the M. A. Sinclair farm, north half north half lot 8, M. R. N., Tilbury East, is a 29 barrel producer.

The Robertson Co. brought in their No. 3 well on the Geo. Robertson farm, north half lot 8, M. R. N., Tilbury East. It is good for 20 barrels. —Tilbury Times.

DISTRICT

TILBURY

Tilbury, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Herbert E. Edgecomb is visiting her parents at Tilbury.

Mrs. McColl, Sr., left on Saturday to visit friends at Maitland.

Miss Mabel Kidd is visiting relatives at Wheatley.

Wm. McGrath, of Wallaceburg, was a Sunday visitor to friends here.

Miss Minnie Bartley is visiting relatives in Detroit.

Tilbury Hockey team did not go to Detroit on Saturday evening, having received word in the afternoon that the ice there was in poor condition. Detroit is expected to play here to-morrow night.

Miss B. H. Wilson, of London, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moffatt spent Saturday and Sunday with their son Darrel in Toronto.

Mr. MacDonald, of Wallaceburg, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Alex. MacGregor.

PRISON LABOR

Enquiries Answered—As to Whether Contract Will Be Cancelled, Government Cannot Say at Present.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Questions formed the greater part of the order of the day in the Legislature yesterday.

Premier Whitney replied to Mr. Jamieson's question if the Government was aware that the Minister of Justice for Canada had introduced to the House of Commons of Canada a bill to regulate the exportation of electric power and certain liquids and gases, and if so, was it the intention of the Government to oppose the legislation, or what steps, if any, did they intend to take in the matter, by stating that the Dominion Government had sent a copy of this bill to the Ontario Government, which was now considering its various clauses.

Mr. J. W. Hanna stated in detail the amounts paid for labor at the Central Prison during the year 1906. There were 19 payments, totaling \$9,611.23.

In repairs and renewals of the wood-working plant there had been spent in 1906 the sum of \$729.85. In salaries of Central Prison officials on duty in the wood-working department there was paid \$790.98 and no perquisites. With regard to the cost of machinery and buildings used by Ellen Charlotte Taylor in the prison contract, the Provincial Secretary stated that the building occupied by Taylor, Scott & Co. was originally built by prison labor and the bricks used were taken from a brickyard operated by prison labor. He found no record of a charge being made to capital account for the bricks used or for the labor. The value of the machinery at the time Taylor, Scott & Co. took the contract would not exceed \$7,000. They have since discontinued the use of a considerable portion of the machinery and replaced it with their own machinery.

Whole Question Under Adjudication. In reply to the question if it was the intention of the Government to cancel this contract, Mr. Hanna said the whole question of prison labor was under consideration by the Government, and until a solution was reached, this question will not be answered.

In reply to Col. Clarke (Bruce), Hon. W. J. Hanna gave the amounts paid by the Government during the 12 years ending July 31, 1905, on account of the wood-working shop at the Central Prison, as: Materials and small repairs, \$388,412.65; salaries of officials on duty in that shop, \$61,312.55; general expenses of the industries at Central Prison, approximated to that shop, \$17,656.09; on buildings and machinery, \$19,243.27, making a total of \$466,624.56. The decrease in the value of the stock on hand during this period was \$6,523.89. The gross sales were \$495,003.95. The average net gain was \$154.63 per annum, which amounted to three-fifths of one cent per man per ten-hour day. Over 90 per cent. of the output of the wood-working shop was marketed in the province during the 12 years. Under the present contract, about 26 per cent. of the output is marketed in Ontario.

Cabinet Will Decide. Toronto, Feb. 5.—Vigorous opposition to the city in its effort to block the Electric Light Co.'s move to increase its capitalization by \$1,000,000, was offered by the representatives of the company at the hearing before the Provincial Secretary yesterday.

The city's request for power to appropriate was termed socialistic and Mr. DuVerney, for the company, went to the extreme of referring to anarchism and nihilism.

The Hon. Mr. Hanna, after hearing the argument, said the whole question would have to be submitted to the Cabinet.

Accidentally Shot. Belleville, Feb. 5.—A fatal accident occurred near the G. T. R. station at Trenton. The victim was Fred Tunnicliffe, who was out hunting. In the vehicle in which he was riding were two guns, and Tunnicliffe, when he arrived home, was in the act of taking one of the weapons out of the vehicle when it was accidentally discharged. He received the full charge in the head, causing instant death. The victim was about 24 years of age. A widow and child survive.

Took Carbolic Acid. Toronto, Feb. 5.—Ernest T. Beckett, a young Englishman, was found dead in a box car near the King street subway yesterday. He had taken carbolic acid. He had been missing from his home at 19 Peel avenue since Saturday. Beckett came to Canada two years ago and had been engaged in the concrete business. He leaves a widow.

A GOOD PRESCRIPTION.

To relieve a cough or break up a cold in twenty-four hours, the following simple formula, the ingredients of which can be obtained at any good prescription druggist at small cost, is all that will be required: Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) one-half ounce; Glycerine, two ounces; good Whisky, a half pint. Shake well and take in teaspoonful doses every four hours. The desired results can not be obtained unless the ingredients are pure. It is therefore better to purchase each separately and prepare the mixture yourself. Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) should be purchased in the original half-ounce vials, which druggists buy for dispensing. Each vial is securely sealed in a round wooden case, which protects the oil from exposure to light. Around the wooden case is an engraved wrapper, with the name—Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Ontario—plainly printed thereon. There are many imitations and cheap productions of pine, but these only create nausea, and never effect the desired results.

A SPLENDID MEETING

The Young Peoples Guild of Christ Church held a very successful social evening in the Sunday School Hall last evening. There was a splendid attendance.

The following program was rendered:

Vocal solo—Mr. Arthur Martin.
Vocal solo—Miss Schwenker.
Vocal solo—Miss Harper.
Recitation—Miss Weaver.
Vocal solo—Mr. Moss.

After the guessing contest, "A study in physiology," which provoked much amusement, refreshments were served.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

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\$5.00 Boys' Suits Selling at \$3.50

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There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$1.00.

Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$3.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50.

Men's Women's and Children's Felt House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

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All the comforts of home are impossible unless you have the comfortable kind of cushions to rest upon. The expensive kind are not as good for real solid comfort because the ladies want them for ornament only. So we have bought a big lot of Cushion Tops and Cord and Tassels to match. The boys and girls may have pillow fights and it won't hurt the cushions much.

144 only extra fine Lithograph Cushion Tops in new subjects, always sold for 25c.

144 only Cushion Cords and Tassels in plain colors also in combination colors, reg. 25c.

Tuesday and Wednesday you may buy one Cushion Top, one Cord and Tassel, for 39c.

SEE WINDOW.

LINGERIE WAISTS,

WHITE.

As you know white is the correct thing for Waists this season, stronger even than last season. Perhaps you experienced some difficulty in getting just what you wanted. There is likely to be another scarcity of the nicer styles this present season. One of the best maker's just sent us 120 Waists right from the machines. We are glad to have them. They are good style, very dainty embroidery work. They won't be here long. The price is reasonable.

120 only Lingerie Waists of fine lawns, beautifully embroidered fronts of eyelet embroidery, tucks and lace trimmings. We have divided them into 3 prices, and about equal quantities in each price—
89c, \$1.25 and \$1.75.

SEE WINDOW.

NEW PETTICOATS.

Something that is always wanted is a Black Sateen Petticoat. We have been fortunate indeed in having a nice lot offered us in good time. To be sure they are under the regular prices, but we bought them under the regular price. We give our customers the benefit of good buying every time. This is the best snap we have ever had in Petticoats.

100 only Black Mercerized Sateen Petticoats, not many of each kind, but well made and handsomely trimmed in various ways. The real values are \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

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