

The Planet

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MR. DAVIS' DEFENCE.

It cannot be said that the commissioner of crown lands, in his attempt to defend his department against the charge of mismanagement in relation to the leasing of timber limits, has been very successful. His reference to the famous Rutherford township limit lease to Capt. Sullivan was really a remarkable example of special pleading. "The fact that the limit was sold at a high price," said Mr. Davis, "is not an argument that the proper value was not obtained for it, because it has frequently occurred that limits were transferred, immediately after being sold by the province, at fabulous prices."

Now we regard this excuse as worse than none at all. Mr. Davis virtually attempts to defend one act of gross departmental carelessness by which the province lost a large sum of money, by using the plea that his department had frequently been guilty of similar acts of gross carelessness. He appears to think that custom has made it quite the natural and proper thing that the richly timbered domain of this province should be utilized chiefly for the financial benefit of speculators who have access to "inside information." We don't believe the majority of Ontario people will concur in this view.

It would not be so bad if the real lumbermen—those who invest their money in the business and hire men to cut timber and take it to the mills—were the chief beneficiaries. But they are not. In the sample case which Mr. Davis was talking about—the Sullivan-Taylor deal—almost all the profit was grabbed by the speculating middlemen, the active election-worker Sullivan and the Government official Taylor. Taylor invested \$250 in the limit and gained a profit of over \$4000; Sullivan invested not a cent, and reaped a profit of over \$4000; and neither of these men did a stroke of real work in connection with the transaction. They made this money because they were "on the inside," and were permitted to acquire public land for a trifling sum with the sole object of transferring it for an enormous sum to a firm which could and did put it to use. It is a satisfactory defence of a deal like this to explain that such deals have been common.

What the average citizen would like to know is, Why could not these timber limits be sold direct to the firms which utilize them and are willing to pay a high price for the privilege? The Charlton firm would probably have been as willing to pay \$9,000 to the province as to Capt. Sullivan for that Rutherford limit. Why should Sullivan and his partner have got \$9,000 of the Charltons' money and paid the province only \$250? Why should not the province have got the whole of that \$9,000? None of these questions are answered in Mr. Davis' speech. — Hamilton Herald, Independent Liberal.

Lord Dundonald is going through the country as unostentatiously as a drummer—yet he is a General.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Toronto News, says that the people are not helpless:—

"The people should never be deceived into the fool's notion that they are helpless. They are nothing of the kind. They can put a stop to jobbery in high places when they take the plain political measures which the dual party system suggests. A party defeated for corruption is purified itself, and is very certain to be followed in office by a party which will shun—for a season, at all events—the practices which brought about the downfall of its predecessors. The good old method of defeating unsatisfactory governments until a good one offers is not obsolete. When it becomes obsolete, the party system might as well be abandoned with it."

Perhaps the News will furnish the receipt for turning out the Ross government. Apparently the people are helpless for at least four years.

WHEN BILL BACKS UP.

London News.

How it must grieve Bill of Germany to have to crawl when Chamberlain talks.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

S. T. Martin's buildings across the river in Dover are progressing rapidly.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a lawn social in Howe's Grove on Tuesday, the 16th instant. Strawberry, ice cream, cake and coffee will be served from six p. m. until 8.30 p. m.

Miss Down, of Exeter, is expected here this week to visit her brother, the Rev. C. W. Down. She will be the guest of Mrs. Ed. Clarke while here.

Farmers are busy at the sugar beets just now.

Miss House returned to her home in Strathroy on Saturday.

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FINE TRIP

Excursionists on the City of Chatham Enjoy a Delightful Outing—Excellent Time Made.

Those who were lucky enough to take in the trip to Detroit yesterday, via City of Chatham, enjoyed a most delightful trip. Notwithstanding the coolness of the morning there was quite a crowd aboard the fine boat when she left the Rankin Dock punctually at 7.30 o'clock. The sail down the beautiful Thames is always pleasant, but was never more resplendent than at present, with the foliage along its banks drooping over the water edge in verdant splendor.

The St. Clair was a little turbulent on the down trip, but seemed to calm down a little towards the afternoon. Windsor was made at 12.25, Chatham time, and Detroit a few minutes later.

The few hours allotted for the stay in the City of the Straits—soon pass, but the visitors have a chance to see the frightful condition of the pavements.

Punctual to the minute Captain Rourke pulls the gong for the homeward journey, and the picturesque scene of Belle Isle is soon passing by. Off Grosse Pointe a sailboat race is in progress, while a little further out of the river the big side-wheeler Greyhound with the Canadian flag in the bow and that of the States in the stern, is passed and greetings exchanged.

Nothing more enjoyable could be imagined than the sail across the St. Clair and up the Thames last evening. It was delightful! The "City" arrived a few minutes behind time, being delayed five minutes with some freight at Walkerville.

The open dates have been quickly taken up at this end, and the Detroit dates are fairly well filled. The excursions from Detroit begin in two weeks' time.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The municipal council of the township of Chatham met at the township hall on Monday, the first day of June, as a court of revision on the assessment roll for the present year, pursuant to adjournment and the notice to the same effect.

The members were all present and took and subscribed the necessary oaths as prescribed by the statutes in that behalf.

The clerk reported there were only two appeals received against the assessment—One from Alex. Glenn, owner of n ½ s ½ lot 1, con. 8, and one from Albert Fester, owner of w ½ of lot 2, con. 2.

There were several appeals received to have names changed on account of the transfer of ownership and the renting of different properties since the assessment was made, also several applications to have names of voters entered on the assessment roll, which were missed by the assessor. As the appellants did not appear there was no change made in the assessment.

It was moved by Mr. Abraham and Mr. Tompkins: That the clerk is hereby instructed to change the names of the different owners and tenants opposite different properties as specified in their appeals, also to add the names of the different persons in their proper place on the assessment roll who have appealed to have their names set down as voters, and that the court of revision on the township of Chatham assessment roll for the year 1903 is hereby finally closed.—Carried.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted and signed.

The report of A. McDonnell, C.E., on the repair of the 13th con. drain, west of the Prince Albert sidewalk, was received and read on motion of Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Tompkins, the same was adopted and the clerk instructed to prepare a by-law.

A petition was presented by Mr. W. E. Clark, asking that the proposed repair of the Irving drain be abandoned. Mr. Clark addressed the council relative to the same matter. The reeve explained to Mr. Clark that Engineer McDonnell had examined the said drain and taken the levels and when the report will be received and the estimates and assessment ascertained the matter can be dealt with.

A notice was received and read from James G. Templeton to have the Meadowvale drain repaired and improved.

The reeve reported that he had been served with a notice of action for damages claiming that the death of the late Mrs. Henry Simmons was caused by an accident which resulted partially from the nonrepair of the Chatham and Dover Townline road-way.

James L. Stephens and Jonah Carpenter addressed the council asking that some ditching and grading be done opposite lots 22 and 23 along the ninth concession road allowance.

Moved by Mr. George and Mr. Ab-

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raham That the notice of J. G. Templeton that the Meadowvale drain is out of repair be entertained and that W. G. McGeorge is hereby appointed to examine the said drain and report on its repair and improvement.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Abraham, That Wm. George is hereby appointed commissioner to superintend the construction of the Tupperville swing bridge.—Carried.

As there were a large number of the Skinner drainage works ratepayers present it was moved by Mr. Abraham and Mr. Templeton that the council adjourn general business and take up the Skinner drainage work improvement assessment.—Carried.

Appeals were read from Byron Fisher, Joseph Fisher, Thomas Kilbride, H. McGe, Alex. Williston and John Howard being owners of lands on the first con. and the s. ½ of the second concession.

Alex. Williston addressed the council, contending that the said lands should only be assessed for the construction of the pump, for the reason that, in the proposed repairing of drains there is no provision made in the engineer's report for work to be done in the drain along the first and second concession roadway, the said second concession drain and thence through the dredge cut to the pump being the only outlet for these lands and there being no repairs required to be done in the dredge cuts.

The council considered the matter and concluded that they would make no change in their former decision of a uniform assessment per acre throughout the whole scheme. It was moved by Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Templeton that the court of revision on the engineer's assessment to provide for the repair of drains, and the construction of a centrifugal pump in the Skinner drainage works be finally closed and that the clerk notify all appellants of the result of their appeals as provided in the municipal drainage act.—Carried.

A number of accounts were paid. A. McARTHUR, Township Clerk.

FIRST SPIKE DRIVEN.

The Temiskaming & Northern Railway.

North Bay, June 17.—An event of more than local interest took place yesterday, when the first spike of the Temiskaming & Northern Railway was driven by Mayor McKenzie. On account of the loss of valuable time by the contractors, caused by the delay in transit of the steel rails and the uncertainty of their arrival, they were unable to announce a date sufficiently far enough ahead to have the commissioner of Public Works present and take part in the ceremony. In his address, Mayor McKenzie referred to the long struggle the citizens made to have this road started, to the discouragements met with and the ultimate success. He concluded by paying a tribute to the Government and to the contractors who are driving it so rapidly to completion. The first spike, together with the second one, was driven by Mr. Doherty, were afterwards drawn and presented to the Mayor and Mr. Doherty respectively. Already about one mile of track is laid and a work-train on.

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