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BOARD OF TRADE.

If there is one body more than another that can be of service to a corporation, it is an active Board of Trade; and yet in a city such as Chatham, which every citizen has good reason to feel proud of, we find that it is practically without such an organization, unless it is in name We have the most up-to-date business houses of any small city in Canada and are making rapid progress, notwithstanding the fact that the great majority of our business and professional men stand with their hands in their pockets and make of effort to assist in the good work of doing what they can to ad-

vance its conditions. Just now there is a question be fore the public that will have to be dealt with sooner or later, and that is the construction of a new bridge at Third street. The present structure is twenty-five years old, but under ordinary circumstances would probably last ten or fifteen years longer. By the construction of the Electric Railway the conditions have changed, and it is for the ratepayers to consider what is best for the city. A new bridge will have to be constructed, or during the existence of the present one we will be put to much inconvenience and danger to life, which is of far greater importance than any money consideration.

The Railway Company distinctly told the Council that it would not build a new bridge, and this clause was eliminated before the agreement was signed, and had the then committee insisted upon the retention of this clause Chatham would have been without the Electric Railway today. The city is directly and indirectly interested in the success of this road, in the same way as it is interested to a greater or less extent in the success of every business enterprise in the county. The management of the road want a wider bridge to meet its requirements. For passenger and freight business it uses but eight feet, and is willing to pay any sum exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

The cost of such a bridge as will meet the requirements of the public and the railway will not be less than forty thousand, probably forty-five thousand dollars, and the city would have a bridge that would be an ornment and be good for the next rty-five or forty years. Should

h a proposal fail to meet with sanction of the people, we must abmit to the present bridge being further strengthened to meet the ecessities of the road, have a structure that will endanger the lives of man and beast, and, in the end, the ratepayers will be called upon to bear the entire cost of a new bridge.

The Planet wants to see a revival of the Board of Trade to deal with such questions as this bridge marter, and hundreds of other questions during the year that are of equalimportance. Why should such questions be left entirely with the press to deal with, when every ratepayer claims the privilege of criticising the acts of the Council, or any body of nen who may try to enfighten the public, but are too indolent to take a share of the responsibilities them selves?

#### PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

The Guelph Herald has been delv ing into the blue books, and gives figures to show that there has been a deficit in the Ontario finances each year until last year, as follows: 1900, deficit, \$457,253.73; 1901, \$144,174.16; 1902, \$281,588.51; 1903, \$736,026.20; 1904, \$803,350.76. figures are based on the actual revenue and expenditure in each year, and place the affairs of the province before the public in the plain, simple, arithmetic style which everybody can understand. It is clearly shown that for the five years the ordinary revenue did not meet the expenditure. The province was going "into the hole." Truly it was time for a change.

During the first year of Conservative administration the scale has been turned, and we have a surplus of \$235,881, the showing being on plain, business basis.

In 1904 the Ross Government received a revenue of \$6,128,358.57, less timber bonus, \$1,664,258.31-a normal revenue of \$4,464,100.26, against an expenditure of \$5,267,453.02.

In 1905 the Whitney Government total receipts amounting to \$6,053,950, less timber bonuses of \$520,070, leaving a normal revenue of \$5,515,881, while the expenditure ounted to \$5,280,000.

This statement shows that the present Government has not starved public service, and yet has so handled the business that there is a balance on the right side.

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It is the most natural thing in the world for our Liberal friends, who are conducting opposition organs, to criticise the Hon. Mr. Whitney and his Administration, and they want to know when he is going to get after the school book ring. Mr. Whitney will not allow this ring to exist much longer, but everything cannot be done at once. He will in good time fulfilehis promise to strangle this monopoly, and parents sending their children to public schools will be relieved of the cutrageous prices that have been and are being charged.

Australian Land Policy. Australian Land Policy.

London, Feb. 2—(C. A. P.)—The
provisions of the Australian new
land bill, which has become an
act, centain an offer on the part
of the Government to those selectors of agricultural farms who pay the whole purchase price to pay 5 per cent, interest on their money for a period of five years, when the purchaser has the option of surrendering the farms and obtaining back his purchase money, less the sum paid for interest.

Had Both Feet Frozen.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The transcontinental railway commission received information yesterday that Harold Dunlop, a nephew of Hon. Frank Oliver, who was at work on the survey of the western section of the road, had his feet badly frozen. He will require to have his toes and part of the feet amputated. He broke through the ice and had to He broke through the ice and had to walk to camp, seven miles.

- 307504 HOCKEY. Yesterday's Record. Barrie . ..15 Midland | 15 Midland | 2 | O. H. A.—Intermediate. | 3 | Gore Bay | 6 | Little Current | 3 | Seaforth | 6 | Hensail | 5 | Goderich | 7 | Clinton | 6 |

New Hamburg. 7 Tavistock ... \*Played Wednesday.

PROMPT DECISION.

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### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century

From The Planet fyles from March of the "Heather Bell," informs us that the steamer will most likely leave for Detroit on March 16th.

On Tuesday of this week at noon the Dounty Court and sessions for Kent opened in the Court House in this town before His Honor Judge Wells: Thomas McCrea, John F. Delmage, C. G. Charteris, Thomas Smythe, Duncan McVicar and John Lillie, Esqrs., acting as associates on the bench.

The tollowing gentlemen composed the Grand Jury: Duncan Campbell.

The following gentlemen composed the Grand Jury: Duncan Campbell, Esq., foreman, John Cameron, Osear Dolsen, Colin Ruthven, Wm. Cook, Matthias Desmond, Wm. H. Pardo, Arthur McAnally, Duncan Crawford, John Mason, Archibald Hunter, Thomas Larke, Thomas Lowes, James McGillivray, Wm. Peck, Jacob Eberlie, Bilton Snary, Wm. Dean, Hugh McCollum.

Messrs, Sutherland Bros. publish a

Christopher Harborn, of Dover, of-fers a reward of \$50 for the capture of the persons who destroyed his

The school teachers in Chatham were James Birch, Mr. Bell, Mrs. McQueen, Miss Foster, Miss Pratt and Mr. Parker.

The firm of Atwood and Jackson is dissolved.

J. W. Buck is a dealer in oil. Edward Ellis is a house, sign and

Birth-On Friday, the 4th inst., the wife of Rev. John Rannie Church, of Scotland, of a daughter. John Hillman deals in groceries and provisions at the Market Square

A. G. Mess is proprietor of the New York House.

Farmers commenced their spring plowing in March. On Thursday evening a number of gentlemen met at the Royal Ex-change and formed a shooting club. Mr Shoriff

Mr. Sheriff was unanimously elected President and Mr. Richard Monck Scoretary-Treasurer. On Thursday Mr. David Walker, one of the directors of the Chatham Salt and Oil Association, returned from London after having attended to the shipping for this town of the engine and boiler recently purchased from Mr. Brunton, which will probably arrive at the depot here today. In consequence of the unexpected demise of Mr. Duncan McGregor a little delay has occurred in commencing the sinking of the well, but it is believed now that the preliminaries have nearly all been arranged as to the site and that Mr. Condite will proceed with the work in a few days.

te will proceed with the work few days.

With the exception of a little light running ice the river is now open and John Stewart, the owner

KISS ALBUM LATEST FAD.

ondon Girl Invents Curious Companion For Autograph Book.

clever young Kensington woman, Miss Evans, has devised a new kind of autograph album that is likely to be popular. It is contrived so as to be popular. It is contrived so as to enable the young woman not only to collect the autograph signatures of her friends, but to preserve also the imprints of their kisses.

The book is equipped with a little pad of a soluble carmine-tinted substance upon which the lips first are lightly pressed so as to take up a little of pig-

pressed so as to take up a little of pig-ment.

Then the kiss is imprinted upon the Then the kiss is imprinted upon the page in a space provided for the purpose, leaving a clear carmine record of the pressure of the lips. By the side of the kiss print space is another for the autograph and the date, and togather the kiss and the signature make a precious and intimate keepsake.

"It is really marvelous what a lot of "It is really marvelous what a lot of character there is in kisses," says Miss Evans. "People who are not students of the subject have no idea how they vary. You know no two persons have fingers prints alike, and so no two persons' kisses are the tiniest bit alike. "I have 200 in one album and there is not one of them that you could possibly mistake for any other. The kiss prints look like kisses, too. "The kiss album bears on the title page the motto:

page the motto:
"Give me a kiss for a keepsake and a quotation dear as the remembered "To be complete the kiss album should be sprinkled liberally with kiss-ing quotations from novelists as well as poets."

rostal Methods In Milan.

Postal Methods in Milan.

Postal authorities in Milan, Italy, use an authorities of the mail. The car runs between the central postoffice and the branch offices and boxes in the different districts of the city. The automobile is of large size, on the style of an omnibus, and is fitted out so that the mail can be sorted by one clerk while the car is running. The car stops at each letter box to collect the mail, and between the boxes the clerk sorts and stamps the letters and passes them in packages to a second man, who puts, them in a series of compartments corresponding to each carrier's route. This car covers a route fourteen miles long and collects the mail from all boxes in an hour and a half.

bury East.

A man named Michael Cunningham, of Detroit, was killed by the falling of a Tree in the Lownship of Til-The match between our fellow

townsmen, "Young Canada" vs. "Old Countrymen," took place on the grounds of the Laird of Inchesseven birds pach at 21 yards rise, 20 yards boundary, for a supperthe former winning by two birds. The following is the full score: YOUNG CANADA. Errington......Donnelly..... E. Donnel

OLD COUNTRYMEN. Mercer .....

We understand a return match will take place next Thursday.

The Valley City, Capt. Wm. Ball, will be ready on March 15th to take her place on the Chatham and Description of the country and will ply regularly during the coming season.

Mr. R. Lowe, manager of the Kent Mills, offers a choice selection of seed wheat, etc., for sale, Mr. R. Cooper advertises a new stock of books, wall papers, window blinds, etc.

Alex. B. Coleman was found guilty

at the county sessions, of inducing British subjects to enlist in the American army, and was remanded. The fumor of the abdication of Queen Victoria occasioned much excitement in Chatham.

Great numbers of duck and geese are visiting the marshes of Dover and Raleigh and several days good shooting can be had.

The Misses Stirling, of Blenheim, are charged with infanticide at the Police Court.

It being leap-year, it is not man out woman who is master. A Mrs. Wier was charged at the Stratford Police Court with thrashing her husband and was ordered to fine sureties to keep the peace. The grey mare is the better horse this time.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 15th inst., a temperance lecture was delivered in the Town Hall by Mr. Ross, of Middlesex, who is an agent Canada Temperance Alliand Association, a society which has been formed to agitate against the question of a prohibitory liquor law.

The King of Tramps.

The "king of tramps" got a term in a French jail the other day. He said he was born of wealthy parents and educated for the bar. He lost money by gambling and to pay the debt broke onen bis fathers are the said. open his father's safe. "Turned out of doors, I became a tramp and have been ever since a terror to all honest folk. I have toured France twenty times and have been all over Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Spain. I have been shut up in almost every prison in Europa." The margistrate have pen his father's safe. "Turned out of have been shut up in almost every prison in Europe." The magistrate having informed him that he would have to go to jail once more, he cried: "Hooray! I have scored my century. I had been sentenced exactly ninety-nine times before here. nine times before by magistrates all over Europe.'

Church Bells and Tavern Bells. Bells in tavern signs not infrequently indicate the number of bells there are in the neighboring church belry. Thus the sign of the "Five Bells" signifies that there are five bells in the church peal, the "Eight Bells" tells us that it contains eight, and so op.

To the Lungs. Do you go to New York to reach Victoria? No. There's a better and more direct way. Then whytry to reach your lungs by way of reach your lungs by way of your stomach? Don't.
Better go straight to the lungs at once. Just light the vaporizer and breathe-in the healing, soothing vapors of Creso-lene. The medicine goes exactly to the right place. Your lungs quickly heal and your cough disappears. For whooping-cough it's simply perfect. 50 Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists, or sent express prepaid on receipt of price. A Vapo-Cresolene outfit including a bottle of Cresolene, complete \$1.90. Send for receillustrated booklet. LERMING, MILES CO., Ltd., Agents, 288 St. James Street, Montreal. Can. Some people seem always sure they re right, and then do the other

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GOOD REASON FOR IT.

He can't get anyone to listen to him; he's full of nothing but troubles.



CINDER IN THE EYE.

What You Must and Must Not Do When This Happens.

By cinder we mean any minute particle of whatever nature which lodges in the eye, where it causes much pain

and distress. In most cases when a foreign body gets into the eye it creates a little dis-comfort for a time, but is soon washed away by the tears without doing any harm. Sometimes, especially when the particle has sharp corners to it, as is particle has sharp corners to it, as is often the case with the fine cinders from a Jocomotive which burns soft coal, the conjunctiva is cut and the body becomes firmly lodged in it, and all nature's simple efforts to remove it are ineffectual. Man then tries to come to nature's assistance and often makes bad very much worse.

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The sufferer winks the eye, rubs it with his finger, perhaps inserts an eyestone and does whatever else he can think of to drive the particle deeper into the conjunctiva and excite inflammation. This inflammation causes swelling of the conjunctiva immediately surrounding the offending causes swelling of the conjunctiva immediately surrounding the offending particle, with the result that the foreign body become firmly imbedded and can be removed only by the little needle or knife of the oculist, or else it loosens itself by exciting an ulceration of the cornea, and this ulceration, when healed, leaves behind it a minute white scar. Lucky is the man if this scar is at one side and not direct. this scar is at one side and not direct

this scar is at one side and not directly in front of the pupil.

One who gets a cinder in the eye must first of all exercise self control. He must not rub the eye, He may take a glass of clean water, throw in a

a glass of clean water, throw in a pinch of salt, then put the head down so that the eye is in the water and wink several times rapidly. If this does no good the particle can sometimes be dislodged by taking hold of the lashes and drawing the upper lid down over the lower and letting it slide back into place.

If the speck can be seen on looking into the mirror it may often be removed by the tip of a cone made by folding the handkerchief several times. Sometimes a friend can see the speck by looking into the eye with a magnifying glass and can remove it by gently touching it with the handkerchief cone.

This is all any one should attempt, and if these gentle efforts fall to displace.

This is all any one should attempt, and if these gentle efforts fail to dis-lodge the cinder no time should be lost in seeking the help of a physician, who may take it away before in-flammation or ulceration comes to complicate the accident.

Curious Cures. A Sunderland remedy for whooping cough is to shave the top of the head and hang the hair upon a bush, the belief being that the birds, which will presently carry it carry it was a simple will be a simple with the birds. presently carry it away, to build their nests with, will convey away the cough at the same time, and the patient will be cured. The Northamptontient will be cured. The Northampton-shire and Devonshire variant of this practice is to put a hair from the suf-ferer's head between two silces of bread and butter, and give them to a dog, which, it is supposed, will then attract the cough from the patient to itself. A Shetland cure for ringworm is for the patient to take, fasting, on three successive mornings a pinch of ashes from the fire grate and hold whem to the affected part while he rethem to the affected part while he peats the lines:

On the Invention of Whiskey. The name of the man who first stag-gered humanity by the invention of whiskey is lost in the mists of the mid-dle ages, and all the ingenuity of counsel now employed in trying to find out what whiskey is has falled to disclose his identity. The fiery potion was known in England in the eleventh century, but in Scotland not till the fourteenth. But Scotland made up for lost time. She gave the bright liquid its alluring name, the "water of life," and made its production a cottage industry of noble proportions. When the execrable exciseman descended upon the village she carried the still to the lonely hills. We in these days are inclined to forget that Glenlivet, the home of the smuggler, would never have achieved its bacchanalian fame but for absurd Georgian licensing laws directed against the individual still and not against the magnitude of its output.—London Chronicle. output -London Chronicle.

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