

## The Planet.

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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 advance its conditions.

Just now there is a question before 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 to-day. The city is directly and indirectly interested in the success of this road, in the same way as it is interested 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 dollars, and the city would have a bridge that would be an ornament and be good for the next fifty-five or forty years. Should a proposal fail to meet with the sanction of the people, we must submit to the present bridge being further strengthened to meet the necessities 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 matter, and hundreds of other questions during the year that are of equal importance. 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 men who may try to enfeeble the public, but are too indolent to take a share of the responsibilities themselves?

## PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

The Guelph Herald has been delving 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. The 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 a 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 had total receipts amounting to \$6,053,050, less timber bonuses of \$5,515,881, while the expenditure amounted to \$5,280,000.

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

Your stomach is like the mainspring of your watch. When it's all right, you are all right. When it's wrong, you are ALL wrong.

## Abbey's Effervescent Salt

will keep your stomach in "right to the second" condition.

250 & 500 A BOTTLE AT DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

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 fulfill his promise to strangle this monopoly, and parents sending their children to public schools will be relieved of the outrageous prices that have been and are being charged.

## Australian Land Policy.

London, Feb. 2.—(C. A. P.)—The provisions of the Australian new land bill, which has become an act, contain 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 farm 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 walk to camp, seven miles.

## HOCKEY.

Yesterday's Record.  
O. H. A.—Senior.  
Barrie.....15 Midland.....2  
O. H. A.—Intermediate.  
\*Gore Bay.....6 Little Current.....2  
Seaford.....6 Hensall.....5  
Godolphin.....7 Clifton.....5  
Milton.....12 Argonaut II.....3  
Perth.....6 Brockville.....3  
O. H. A.—Junior.  
\*Meaford.....3 Collingwood.....2  
Western Ontario League.  
New Hamburg.....7 Tavistock.....3  
\*Played Wednesday.

## PROMPT DECISION.

He—They say that people who marry soon grow to look alike.  
She—Then you must consider my refusal as final.

## The Gentle Kidney Cure.

Don't think that Bu-Ju is not effective because it does not "tear things loose." The man, who talks most, does least. Kidney remedies that purge—and over-stimulate the kidneys—upset the stomach—are going to do you mighty little good.

## Bu-Ju

THE GENTLE KIDNEY CURE  
gives about during you gently, mildly, correctly. You never know you are taking medicine—except that you begin to get better and keep on getting better. Bu-Ju heals inflammation in the kidneys—takes away that sharp pain in the back and the dull ache through the hips—stops excessive urination—and enables the diseased portions of the kidneys to heal and strengthen.

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Use Big 64 for unsatisfactory discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of the prostate, gonorrhea, painless, and not attributed to venereal disease.  
Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

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Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runnings in 48 HOURS. Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

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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 Ago.

From The Planet files from March 10, 1861, to March 17, 1864,

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

The following gentlemen composed the Grand Jury: Duncan Campbell, Esq., foreman, John Cameron, Oscar 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 Eberle, Bilson, Wm. Dean, Hugh McCollum.

Messrs. Sutherland Bros. publish a Kent directory.

Christopher Harbom, of Dover, offers a reward of \$50 for the capture of the persons who destroyed his apple trees.

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 carriage painter.

Birth—On Friday, the 4th inst., the wife of Rev. John Rennie Church, of Scotland, of a daughter.

John Hillman deals in groceries and provisions at the Market Square House.

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 Exchange and formed a shooting club.

Mr. Sheriff was unanimously elected President and Mr. Richard Monk Secretary-Treasurer.

On Thursday David Walker, one of the directors of the Chatham Salt and Oil Association, returned from London after having attended the shipping for this town of the engine and boiler recently purchased from Mr. Branton, which will probably arrive at the depot here to-day.

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 one site and that Mr. Condit will proceed with the work in a few days.

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

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Quoth Bruin, "Tis bad-ski I'll be bound, For steppe by steppe I'm losing ground. Internal troubles also gall, But this Red Feather smooths them all, And burdens hard to Bear," says he, "Are carried through with ami-tea."

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Black, Green or Mixed  
One Price—40 Cents.

## 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 discomfort 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 often the case with the fine cinders from a locomotive, it cuts and the 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 far very much worse.

The sufferer winks the eye, rubs it with his finger, perhaps inserts an eye-stick, 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 particle, with the result that the foreign body becomes 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 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 pinch of salt, then put