

..The Planet..

S. STEPHENSON, — Proprietor.
CONCEALMENT NOT DESIRABLE
IN C. C. I. AFFAIRS.

From the course taken in regard to the report of the Inspector of Collegiate Institutions on the local C. C. I. the public will undoubtedly assume that there is something in that report not of a complimentary character.

If that assumption be correct is the C. C. I. board justified in keeping this report back? Is this body attempting to reserve something from the public that the public have a right to know, and that at the earliest opportunity.

It will, no doubt, be urged that the reputation of the Chatham Institute is at stake; that if unpleasant truths are told the attendance will suffer; that outsiders will prefer Ridgeway to Chatham and that it may take years to recover the standing that we may lose by the publication of this one report.

Reasons like these are plausible, but they are also dishonest. What right have we to pretend that we have a first-class institute if we have not? What right have we to induce county pupils to come to an institution under the wrongful impression that it is up to date? Finally, is it proper for the Board to take the city's money, the county's money, and the pupil's money for the support of this school, while concealing from the producers of that money the fact that we are not getting a first-class return for the outlay?

Of course, there may be nothing serious in the report after all. It may not be so bad as the attempts to keep it from the public would indicate. But good or bad, the people want it, and any further attempt at suppression will only make matters worse.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S
HUGE DIVIDENDS.

The capital stock of the Standard Oil Company is \$100,000,000. But don't imagine anybody ever put that amount of money into it. What the real original investment was we do not know, probably a few millions. Then it was watered up to the \$100,000,000 mark, and that watered stock is rated in the United States to-day at \$30. That means that the concern is only a trifle short of being worth a billion dollars to the few individuals who control it. Of these Rockefeller is the principal. He owns nearly a third of the stock.

On Tuesday the company declared another \$20,000,000 dividend, which, as it is payable March 15th, is supposed to represent the earnings for the final quarter of the year. A year ago a 20 per cent dividend was authorized and at that time it was the largest ever paid by an American industrial company. Last December the Standard Oil Company declared 19 per cent in dividends on the \$100,000,000 of stock. In 1900 the company distributed \$38,000,000 in dividends among its stockholders altogether, not counting the present \$20,000,000. Standard Oil dividends, in fact, have increased in size until they are annually three times as large as they were five years ago. The amount payable at each quarter depends on the current earnings. From 1891 to 1895 12 per cent was paid. The total jumped to 31 per cent in 1896; the year following it was 33 per cent; in 1898, 30 per cent; in 1899, 33 per cent; and last year 38 per cent. In spite of these liberal payments the company has reserve enough to maintain a \$40,000,000 surplus. Standard Oil stock sold at \$30 last December, just prior to the dividend announcement.

When you come to think over these figures isn't it outrageous that any company should have the right to bleed the people to such an extent and that out of a public utility, too. Every household who buys a gallon of petroleum pays the monopolists tribute. That tribute is paid, too, not for something they produce themselves, but for a product supplied by nature, which the present system of government permits them to corral and monopolize. The day will no doubt come when the American nation will take over for the benefit of the people at large, both the oil wells and coal mines, but the date for such a change is not sufficiently near at hand to have any effect on the Standard Oil Company's present huge dividends.

THE WHIPPING POST FOR CONNEC-
TICUT.

A whipping-post bill has been presented in the Connecticut legislature. It provides for the restoration of the whipping post for all offenses by boys under 16 years of age, when punishable by other means than imprisonment for life. The court may impose 25 strokes of the lash in lieu of a penal sentence or of commitment to the reform school.

The bill also provides that any male found guilty of beating or assaulting a woman, or attempting to commit robbery accompanied by great physical violence, or of kidnapping a minor to obtain a ransom, or of being a tramp, and while being such, or threatening women and children, or

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The bill provides that a physician must be present at the whipping, which shall be in private and not so severe as to endanger or impair the health of the offender.

The arch criminals which Canada occasionally produces, lost their greatest enemy when B. B. Osler died.

Why is the C. C. I. Board so anxious to keep back that Inspector's report? Is there something in it not for the public eye?

The Detroit News refers to the new British sovereign as King Eddie. We thought it wouldn't be long before the American press were designating him Ned Whetton, King Ted or some other such pet names.

It is proposed that this is a fitting opportunity to eliminate some objectionable features of the coronation oath. The particular feature of the British sovereign's oath of office to which objection is taken is that which declares the sacrifice of the mass and the invocation of the Virgin, or the saints, as superstitious and idolatrous. This is unnecessarily offensive and might well come out. There is no reason why the practices or doctrines of any particular church should be treated with contumely. What would we think if the coronation oath of Italy specially denounced the Westminster Confession, or that of Spain took a round out of the tenets of John Wesley?



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The Chicago Herald recalls this incident in the life of Victoria:—"During the Civil War the British Government, under the influence of the cotton manufacturers of Manchester and other commercial and industrial interests of the United Kingdom was friendly to the Confederacy, but Queen Victoria was on the Union side, and never permitted them to offer aid or comfort to the South when she could prevent it. At the greatest crisis of the struggle, so far as England was concerned, when two Confederate envoys were forcibly taken from a British steamer by a Union naval officer, Lord Palmerston wrote a despatch to the British Ambassador at Washington that was equivalent to a declaration of war. As usual with everything of this kind, the message was sent to Windsor Castle for approval. The Queen kept it over night, and the next morning returned it to her prime minister, with every offensive phrase stricken out." It may be added that the despatch had its effect just the same and the seized commissioners were surrendered. This ended what was known as the famous Trent affair.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE NOVEL OF THE HOUR.
There is a weird fascination about the East and its peoples. It is an attraction like that which draws superstitious man into a spiritual seance in a dim-lit or utterly darkened room. It may be uncanny, but it is unmistakably—positively—fascinating, and he moved whether it will.

But there is more in the East than its magic—than its mystery—more than the sensuous glamour. Beneath the radiant surface of this river of life, deep down under the picturesque, is going on a struggle of streams flowing east and flowing west, forcing each other into the furrows which ever the waters meet in resistance. Only those who have studied the depths are aware of its turbulent possibilities, of its grave dangers.

Mrs. Flora Annie Steel has recently drawn our attention to India: Mrs. Steel, who knows India like a native—better even, for she has gone down into the river, and made journeys with both sides of the river. No more vivid picture of Eastern life has been thrown upon canvas, ever, perhaps, than "The Hosts of the Lord," her new production. It is a touching light here and there upon the problem of races, but not presuming to offer a solution, Mrs. Steel has made for us a story, strong and wonderfully interesting, wherein she traces the lives of several people who somehow insist on making themselves liked, in the face of many failures—perhaps because of them. She has made the life of a missionary interesting, romantic; in this proving the strength and richness of her imagination.

We quote from the book, and introduce the reader (with Lancelot Carleton) to the lady missionary, who, in the beginning is seized with a holy zeal in the saving of souls, but later learns that there is something more dear in life, though possibly not holier, than this great work among the so-called heathen.

"I say, that girl has got splendid hair, hasn't she?" he said in an undertone to Lance, as they stood a little apart, watching the new comers. "That tall one, you mean?" he admired it. But the mind of that devil of a chestnut who nearly killed me at polo; a chestnut with white stockings; awfully handy, but—"

"Miss Edith Shepherd, Mr. Lancelot!" was an evening, I assure you. "It was the tall girl with the red-brown hair, of course. She had bronze eyebrows, too, and bronze eyes—"

He saw so much she made his brow.

Well, this bronze lady, this Shepherd who played shepherdess, worked more lasting havoc with Mr. Lance Carleton than the chestnut had ever done at polo; but he had a satisfactory revenge which was most sweet, as the story will reveal.

LOW RATES TO THE WEST.

On Feb. 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1901, the Chicago & North-Western Railway will sell one-way second-class settlers' tickets at very low rates from Chicago to points in Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California; also to Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and to Nelson, Rossland and other points in the Kootenai district. Full particulars as to rates from nearest ticket agent, or B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 King Street East, Toronto, Ont.

Every time a man smiles, and much more when he laughs, it adds something to his fragment of life.—Storne.

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It is understood King Edward and Queen Alexandra will rest at Sandringham for the next few days. The former will return to Buckingham Palace Feb. 13, and hold a privy council to draft the King's speech at the opening of parliament. The semi-annual procession to parliament will start from Buckingham palace.

A GREAT FIRE OF
OIL AND NAPHTHA

Roasted Many People to Death in Russia—Twenty Charred Bodies Found.

Baku, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Feb. 7.—A fire broke out yesterday in the magazine of the Caspian & Black Sea Co., which contained 32,000,000 gallons of petroleum. The conflagration resulted in great loss of life and widespread damage.

The flames spread to other depots, having a capacity of 74,000,000 gallons of naphtha, which poured out like a stream of lava, inundating and setting fire to the dwellings of the workmen, which were totally destroyed. Many persons perished. Twenty charred bodies have been found and upwards of 50 people terribly burned. Four hundred families lost everything they possessed.

The magazines are still burning and neighboring reservoirs are in great danger. A general panic prevails.

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APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario at its next session for an Act to amend an Act passed in the 61st year of the reign of Her Majesty, the Queen, Chap. 59, entitled "An Act respecting the Chatham City and Surubana Railway Company" by adding additional names to the board of provisional directors, and for extending the time for completing the said railway; and for such other amendments and changes as the said Legislature may deem necessary and for conferring upon the Company such other and further powers and privileges as may be deemed necessary.

J. B. RANKIN,
Solicitor for applicants.
Dated at Chatham, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1901.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Biles, late of the Village of Thamesville, in the County of Kent, widow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the revised statutes of Ontario, Chapter 139, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Elizabeth Biles, who died on or about the 21st day of December, A. D. 1900, are required on or before the 16th day of February, 1901, to send post prepaid or delivered to Messrs. Scane, Houston, Stone & Scane, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, Solicitors for Charles John Moore and Thomas Marvin Byar, the executors under the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Biles, deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, together with the full particulars of their claims and a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the said last named date said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not have notice at the time of the said distribution.

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