

## The Planet.

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THE CAMPAIGN OF THE ROOR-  
BACK.

As election day draws near there is always the danger of the contemptible personal roorback. It is too bad that in a Christianized Canadian community one has always to be upon his guard against this diabolical agency. Fortunately, we are all sufficiently enlightened now as to the methods pursued to minimize the harm done and caused them to prove boomerangs upon their promoters.

Yet it is fortunate that yesterday Dr. Thornton so promptly nailed the first insipid appearance of the treacherous roorback, as noted on another page of this issue, and secured the necessary withdrawal and expression of regret from the gentleman who had thoughtlessly repeated it.

The serious fact in connection with the slanderous story, however, is the statement of the gentleman in question—an esteemed and prominent Liberal—that he "had been given the information as a fact in the Reform committee rooms." This throws the responsibility directly upon the Stephens organizers and we mistake the calibre of President Fred. Stone if he does not promptly see to it that the slander is publicly denounced and silenced. It is little to the credit of George Stephens and his campaigners that they manufacture these defamatory untruths and whisper them in the committee room as facts to reputable citizens, who may, by reputation of them, apparently give them weight to the outside public.

With the public acts of a public man the right of discussion and analysis is unquestioned, but with the purely private personal or business affairs of a candidate the public are not concerned, and any attempt to tamper with them can usually be safely put down as the false and slanderous methods of the roorback.

"But he that filches from me my good name,  
Robs me of that, which not enriches him,  
And makes me poor indeed."

## A WORD TO MR. GUNDY.

On Monday last Mr. W. E. Gundy, of this city, furnished this great home journal with a letter which was duly published in that day's issue. The purport of this letter was that The Planet misquoted and misrepresented him in an interview he had with Reeve Purser, of Dover, at which a representative of this journal was specially invited to be present for the purpose of taking a report of the interview with a view to publication; and the letter concludes with a dignified and argumentative characterization of the conduct of the reporter "as that of a coward and a sneak."

Simultaneously with the publication of his letter The Planet invited Mr. Gundy to specifically instance one paragraph or sentence in the whole report which was misleading or inaccurate. It repeated the invitation in last night's issue in order to give the gentleman ample time and opportunity to dissect and analyse the report and make out his case.

There were two courses which an honorable man would have pursued in these circumstances. He would either have pointed out the misquotations alleged and given the paper opportunity to deal with the same, or he would have tendered an apology to the reporter for the gratuitous public insult.

Mr. Gundy has done neither. Consequently The Planet has something to say to him.

Mr. Gundy knows the full facts of this case. He knows them better than anyone else except Mr. Purser and the representative of this journal—and better than he desires anyone else to know them. He knows, too, the causes that led up to the visit of Reeve Purser and whether they were creditable or otherwise to him. He knows that Mr. Purser demanded publicity and that the Reeve took the reporter with him for that purpose. He knows that the scribe with pencil and paper in hand took a full report of the whole interview and that he was there so to do. He knows that he personally petitioned for leniency and generosity in the framing of the report for the public.

He knows his request was acquiesced in. He knows that much that would have humiliated and embarrassed him was excluded by reason of personal considerations for him. He knows the published report treated him fairly—nay, generously. All this Mr. Gundy knows—and more.

How would Mr. Gundy have felt had The Planet published in full the circumstances that lead up to this interview and the conversation verbatim that took place thereat? Mr. Gundy knows whether political capital was generously sacrificed out of

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personal consideration for his position, or not.

The Planet knows, too, and feels in duty bound to let Mr. Gundy realize it, by reason of his public and uncalculated abuse of our reporter. The reporter's good name is as valuable to him as Mr. Gundy's to Mr. Gundy. And when an honorable young man in the employ of this journal is publicly and unjustly stigmatized for the honest performance of his duty, Mr. Gundy can rely upon it that The Planet will not stand aside and permit this conduct unchallenged.

We regret the necessity of speaking thus plainly to Mr. Gundy. We had hoped that ere this he would have voluntarily extended the apology of a gentleman to one whom he had, perhaps thoughtlessly, injured—and for that reason we waited.

The Planet quite understands Mr. Gundy's position and sympathizes with him. We have always in the past regarded him as a gentleman of high purpose, courteous conduct and worthy ideals. We do not desire to change that opinion—and it is in justice to him as well as to our reporter that we speak now.

That is all, Mr. Gundy. We would prefer to leave the matter with you now. Consider it in the light of your own ideals of justice, of courtesy and of personal consideration, man for man, and determine honestly with yourself whether "the conduct of a coward and a sneak" has been exercised in this matter, and, if so, whether it was, after all, the reporter who was the guilty one.

Roll up the big Clements majority.

Let's have a clean campaign. Banish the roorback.

Like comfortable bridges, some people are easily overcome.

Kent wants no more corporation bonus-seekers. Vote accordingly.

Every day the prospects of a big majority for Herbert S. Clements look brighter.

Once again. Beware of over-confidence. Work from now till the polls close.

Beware of the last minute roorbacks. The first came from Stephens' committee rooms and was soon nailed. Look out for its mates.

A vote for Stephens is a vote for the railroad corporation bonus-seekers; a vote for Clements is a vote for the people's interests.

The Stephens organ is so all-fired busy screaming bad names at this great home journal that possibly it has not caught our question yet. We ask for the eleventh time: why was George Stephens afraid to let Reeve Purser and Councilor Buyer be heard at his Big Point meeting after challenging them to be present?

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## The Letter-Box

WHY I SUPPORT MR. HERBERT  
S. CLEMENTS.

To the Editor of The Planet:  
Dear Sir,—Permit me to give the following reasons why I am supporting Mr. Herbert S. Clements in the forthcoming Dominion elections:—

Because he is a young and progressive citizen. His opponent is too young—a very good fault, indeed, and a so-called fault which will help in no small degree to elect Mr. Clements.

Because he invests his money, as far as his means will permit, in Chatham institutions, namely, The Blonde Mfg. Co., the Sanitarium, the Binder Twine Co., and the Gas Co., thus helping to extend these plants and thereby creating more work and requiring more people to do it, thus helping to create a better market for the farmers' produce, a very commendable example for anybody to follow.

Because he is a hustler; has served on the Public School Board, and has advocated, in his capacity as trustee, the expenditure of city finances with Canadian enterprise to the Yankee concern. For instance, in the matter of the proposed new heating plant for the Central School, in which case Mr. Clements stood for Canadian workmen by advocating the policy of supporting home industry.

Because he is a practical farmer and understands to a nicety the wants of the husbandmen, whereas his opponent was a farmer many years ago, and is not in touch with the tiller of the soil and his interests.

Because he believes in making the so-called Alien Labor Law operative instead of, as at present, a dead letter or inoperative.

Because he is perfectly in accord with the policy of Mr. R. L. Borden as to the Grand Trunk Pacific deal, also as to the tariff changes absolutely necessary for the protection of Canadian interests.

Because he does not believe—nor has he ever believed—in the introduction of Yankee carriages and harness of the snap-trap variety to compete with our own home articles, and which cuts off work from our own mechanics and laborers, who pay a goodly share of the taxes.

Because he believes in Canada for the Canadians, first, last and always, and giving to the Canadian laborer that which justly belongs to them, and not giving to the foreign mechanic and laborer the work that should go to the sons of Canada.

Lastly, we should support Herbert S. Clements because he is worthy of it, and by so doing we give the young man a chance, and by the introduction of young blood yeoman service will be done for our country, and above all, by supporting Mr. Clements you will get a clean, honest and capable government, and he, without doubt, will be one of the many supporters of Mr. Borden in the next Parliament of Canada.

With apologies to the author of Alex. Duedge's Poem on Politics, I will reverse the order,—

"I have got no politics to sell,  
I have got him for to give away."  
Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kindness in granting me space in your valuable Great Home Journal, I remain,

Yours truly,  
A VOTER.

Chatham, Oct. 24, 1904.

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ST PAUL'S  
ANNIVERSARY

Sunday's services and Monday evening's tea add two more red letter events to the record of St. Paul's Church, Up-the-Creek.

The pulpit at both services was occupied by the Rev. A. H. Kippen, West Lorne, immense congregations attending both services. The earnest eloquence and powerful pleading of the reverend divine quickened many a slumbering soul and stirred up many a dormant heart.

The song service was conducted by St. Paul's choir, and was a revelation of the musical talent that has been kindled into a flame by the choir director, Mrs. S. C. Walker. The wood-notes-wild of the pure, sweet country voices was a treat long to be remembered.

The tea-meeting, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, Monday evening, excelled all previous efforts of the kind, and the women of St. Paul's have a world-wide reputation for their generosity at the banqueting board.

The decorations were artistic and beautiful, the designs being conceived and worked out by Misses Jennie Ferguson and Jennie McGavin.

The program was full of splendid selections, and the singing of Miss Grant and Dr. Bucke and the violin solos of Miss Mabel Wilson were spell-binding to the vast audience present.

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## THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage  
and all the men and  
women merely players."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Quinlan & Wall's Minstrels—Oct. 26.  
Rodney Stock Co.—Oct. 27-29.  
Marie Wainwright in "Twelfth Night"—Nov. 2.

Way Down East—Nov. 7.  
On the Bridge at Midnight—Nov. 14.

The Mummy and Humming Bird—Nov. 17.

Anne Blauke, in A Little Outcast—Dec. 9th.

Al. H. Wilson, in Prince of Tatters—Dec. 16.

Alice Neilson, in the Fortune Teller—Dec. 21.

Bonnie Briar Bush—In March.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

"Love thoughts lie rich when canopied with bowers." The truth of this poetic axiom is realized in the picturesque setting of the garden scene in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," which is to be produced here soon with the beautiful Marie Wainwright as Viola. The shipwreck scene is a wonder of marine effect, but the view of the love-lorn countess' garden, with its flowers, bowers and arches, its glimpses of twinkling stars through the leafy boughs overhead, its diamond-spraying fountains, its statuary, made spectral in the silvery light of the moon, stirs the audiences into rhapsodies. When so famous a Shakespearean artist as every Marie Wainwright is to play the leading role of Viola one can understand that a matchless night of pleasure Manager Jules Murry is to provide for lovers of the beautiful and romantic in this city.

"Way Down East," Lottie Blair Parker's idyllic play of New Hampshire farm life comes to the Grand Opera House on Monday, Nov. 7th. The play is one that appeals not to a limited class but to everybody with a spark of sympathy, a liking for good wholesome fun, and a relish for a good wholesome story. There are many reasons for its popularity—its pathetic theme, its genial humor, its charming pictures of country life, its quaint characters and striking realism. But its more potent element undoubtedly is the strong human interest, the glimpse of life as it is. To this all classes and creeds must yield their sympathy. Mrs. Parker's work, so admirably produced under the skillful direction of Mr. Joseph Grammer, will be interpreted by a cast that has been especially selected for its individual capability.

## THE CRUISE OF THE "MINNIE M."

It was the steamer Minnie M.  
That sailed the stormy sea,  
And the skipper had taken a score  
Or so.

To bear him company.  
Kind hearts were theirs beneath  
tough looks,  
They left their native strand,  
And changed their names for alien  
ones.

To vote in a foreign land.  
In balloting for absent friends,  
—Miners, long since dispersed—  
Their skill was only equalled by  
Their hunger and their thirst.

The skipper stood beside the safe,  
A sign was in his mouth  
He bade the steward measures take  
That there should be no drought.

Then up and spoke an old Heeler,  
As he blew the froth from his beer,  
"A mile astern I spy the tug  
Of the Tory scrutineer."

The helmsman changed her course a  
point,  
He quaffed a foaming stein,  
"The tug is a myth. Hurrah for  
Smith!"

And be steered for the Helen Mine.  
"O, Captain, whence the fine cigars,  
These bottles, black and green?  
And kegs of beer are everywhere,  
O, say, what can they mean?"

The skipper opened the strong-box  
door,  
And produced the long and green,  
As he answered: "It is nothing but  
The oil for the machine."

"O, Captain, this strange name I  
bear,  
Oh, say, whose may it be?"  
"A Helen miner, dead and gone,  
For this day you are he."

"But if they put me on my oath,  
O, say, what shall I do?"  
"That we may still be honest men,  
The Bible's bogus, too."

"They drank and sang and danced  
for joy,  
O, tell me what it meant?"  
"They're glad and proud our province  
has  
So good a government."

"The company is grateful, too,  
To all its merry men,  
It sends them each a souvenir,  
A five, or may be ten."

"And when elections come again—  
An anxious time for them—  
They'll give us, perhaps, another  
trip  
Upon the Minnie M."

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15 pairs rich tapestry curtains, full length, heavy fringed ends, rich colorings, worth \$3.25 to \$3.50 a pair, Thursday

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

## DRESDEN

Oct. 26.—The Mounshiner's Fate was the play put on last night by the Rodney Stock Company and was even better than the performance of Monday night. The Opera House was crowded last night, and no doubt this evening's performance will be witnessed by an even better audience.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church held a social in the basement of the church last night.

Miss Grace Turner left this morning for Napawa, where she will visit with relatives for a couple of months.

Puts new life into you! A strong statement but it is borne out by facts by those who have taken "The D. L." Emulsion, write Miss Black, Supt. Grace Hospital, Toronto, and asks her what she thinks of it.

## BLENHEIM

Oct. 26.—Dr. W. B. Rowe left last evening for Cleveland, O.

A very enjoyable service was held at the Methodist church on Sunday morning last, it being the Sunday school rally service. The preaching and singing of Rev. Mr. Millson, of Romey, were much enjoyed.

P. O. Slater, Leamington, and Geo. Bond, town, are at Squaw Camp, Rondeau, duck shooting, which at the present time is good.

The Shenango No. 16 had to put into Rondeau Harbor on Monday night owing to rough weather.

F. M. Boyden, of London, was in town yesterday.

C. A. Wedge is holidaying at Pioneer Cottage, Erieau, having a pop at the ducks.

Ted Labadie and friend, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Labadie.

We Must Go from heated rooms to the cold outer air, and the change sets us coughing. Curing winter colds is not hard if you take Allen's Lung Balsam. A neglected cold is troublesome and dangerous.

## THAMESVILLE

Oct. 26.—Rev. Hobbs, preached morning and evening at the anniversary services held in the Methodist church Sunday. The church was crowded on both occasions and the sermons given by Mr. Hobbs were eloquently given and favorably received, as he is a powerful speaker. The afternoon service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Freeman, of St. Stephens' church, who was listened to with great interest.

The choir of St. Stephens' church rendered music in the afternoon favorable for the occasion, and the other two services were taken by the choir of the Methodist Church. On Monday evening a lecture was given by Dr. Thornton on Ireland and the Irish, which was a subject well prepared and proved to be of great interest to those who attended. It was taken up mostly from a historical standpoint. The music given by the choir of the Presbyterian Church under the direction of Mr. J. Davidson, gave excellent music of a special order.

The Hubbell block is being beautified by a coat of paint.

Mr. Willson, the Conservative candidate, was in town yesterday.

The Conservatives are holding their committee rooms over Mills' barber shop.

The work on the Fraser drug store is rapidly going ahead. Oldershaw and Quehel are doing the masonry work.

## TILBURY

Oct. 25.—The chess club organized last night by the election of the following officers:—

President—Wm. A. Johnson,  
Vice Pres.—F. M. Scarff.  
Sec.—Treas.—Wm. C. Crawford.

Room have been secured in the rear of Laird's barber shop, electric lights and tables installed, and Jimmie Brosseau engaged as caretaker. The membership was fixed at 50c, and the dues are 25c per month. Tilbury boasts of more chess players for its size than any place in the West, and an interesting season is prominent.

Mayor Breault, of Amherstburg, was in town yesterday, in the interest of the candidature of Lewis Wigle, in South Essex.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. Wigle will be held to-morrow evening in the Methodist school in Tilbury North.

Seaman Laird, of St. Thomas, is visiting his brother, here, J. W. Laird.

Jesse Myers, of Quinn, returned yesterday from a trip to the Northwest.

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