

A PERSONAL STATEMENT

While it has been a principle of Canadian journalistic experience that it is unwise and regrettable for an editorial writer to intrude his personality upon the public, there are, perhaps, times when he is seized bodily and figuratively speaking, is thrust to the centre of the arena with the time light turned on, and it becomes his duty to the public, to his paper and to himself to speak out. Such is the position I now reluctantly take. And I trust so doing may be the means of clearing up misunderstandings and bitterness that threaten to arise and beyond the personal friendships of years, and put an end, I hope, to some of the reckless and unwarranted statements the heat of a strenuous political campaign seems to have called forth.

At the time of Ald. Marshall's resignation in the City Council, by reason of the introduction of the Deference from Works by-law, it became generally understood that he was relinquishing the strong claims made of his friends deemed that he had upon the mayoralty. Mr. McCoig and I met incidentally about that time and, in the course of a friendly chat on general topics, he expressed the hope that The Planet would favorably consider his candidature for the mayoralty and stated that he would appreciate the support of this paper. I heartily extended personal wishes for his success and promised to take up his cause with the proprietor of the paper, adding the smiling query, "But, Archie, you won't be blossoming forth at any early election as the Grit candidate on the personal prestige of your election as Mayor with the support of the Tory paper?" "Not the least danger, Harry," was the prompt and laughing response.

And from this modest and innocent beginning all the entanglements seem to have arisen. After several consultations in the office and the elapse of some time, I was authorized to extend to Mr. McCoig the support of the paper in his mayoralty campaign, of course upon the terms of his statement. It was felt that, no matter how worthy his ambitions, the paper would not have been justified in, at that time, supporting a gentleman who sought the chief magistracy of the city merely as a stepping stone for the candidature of the Ross administration which The Planet outspokenly condemned.

This decision resulted in a series of personal interviews which both Mr. McCoig and myself agreed should be confidential, the same culminating in a mutual verbal agreement on November 19th when Mr. George S. Hayward was asked to witness. The statements made by Mr. McCoig and myself upon that occasion were only to be made public in event of either party failing or being unable to carry out the terms thereof. Since that time I had two other talks with Mr. McCoig, one in the early hours of the Saturday upon which he was given the nomination by the West Kent Liberal convention and the other at his home the day following. Both of these conversations were regarded by us as of a confidential character.

Now, we may both have been indiscreet, in view of our respective positions, in meeting as we did on these two occasions, but—and I say it emphatically—neither of us ever said anything at any time that could possibly be construed into political treachery. I had nothing to reveal; Mr. McCoig revealed nothing.

But, in order that there may be no further misunderstanding or unpleasantness, I hereby remove the seal of privacy from any statement or comment or conversation of mine with Mr. McCoig on any or all of these occasions and give him full and free liberty to make public any or all of them. I only ask what I think I have the right to expect, that Mr. McCoig will adhere to the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Of the statement in the columns of the Banner-News regarding an alleged communication between Hon. Mr. Ross and Mr. McCoig I have nothing to say, more than I said in my note to Mr. Stanworth, which I am told that paper declined to publish. Elections are on to-day and gone to-morrow, and I shall steadfastly refuse to be drawn into any personal snarl, which might take years to heal, among friends of long standing, especially concerning something so absolutely inconsequential. The electors care not whether the Premier wrote Mr. McCoig personally, or whether he contented himself with his telephone and telegraphic messages to Mr. Pardo, or that gentleman declared in open convention. They care not whether Mr.

McCoig's election expenses are paid by Mr. Ross or by other friends, or by himself, so long as they are legitimate expenses and honestly met. The issue before the people is surely something infinitely more important I take it, and none of us can afford to descend to any such regrettable petty personal squabble.

Of the statement I see accredited to Mr. J. G. Kerr that "the editor of The Planet had made the statement that Mr. Birmingham's business in town was to secure the nomination for Mr. Clancy," I feel it my duty to myself to speak plainly. It is an absolute and malicious falsehood from beginning to end. Is it too much for me to expect that Mr. Kerr will either present some reasonable grounds for this remarkable charge against me or furnish at once a public withdrawal of it? An honorable man would feel bound to do one or the other, I ask Mr. Kerr to do so.

I confess the ferocity of the personal attacks upon me in the columns of the Banner-News has amazed me. I had expected that, as a journalistic confrere, I should, at least, have been occasioned an opportunity of being heard ere I was publicly attacked in the manner most calculated to injure a man in that he holds dearest. I shall not reply in kind. I only regret that I am unable financially to press for, in the proper judicial channels, a just, full exoneration from these attacks, as I understand that, no matter what the result, I would be called upon eventually to pay the piper. This is one occasion on which I wish the Banner-News had as sound a financial rating as the paper upon which I serve.

I am done. I have asked the indulgence of our readers this once, and I do not expect to refer to the matter again. I am content that any further attacks or misrepresentations should be left unanswered with the people I have sought to serve to the best of my ability—for The Planet is, after all, their paper and not the editor's. As to my conduct of the paper or my editorial intercourse with the politicians, I acknowledge no obligation save to the proprietor in which I am employed and to the people I serve, to whom I regard myself bound to speak fairly and truthfully. Any course which The Planet adopts and any cause it advocates is the result of sincere and conscientious conviction, sometimes only reached after hours of deliberation and consultation. We may not always see eye to eye even in the office; we know we do not always agree with all the public we serve. Men differ—and each has the right of personal judgment. But of this all may be assured: that The Planet will be conducted honestly and wholeheartedly in what we believe to be the very best interests of the nation and the community. In so far as I conduct it and work for it along these worthy lines and with these right ideals I shall hope to have the confidence and endorsement of the proprietor and the public, even in the face of a situation like the present. When I fail I shall expect to be asked for my resignation.

HARRY W. ANDERSON.
Chatham, Jan. 10, 1905.

Northwood-Osbourne

The Albion Recorder gives a very extended account of the recent marriage of an old Chatham boy, Frederic M. Northwood and Miss Emma R. Osbourne, of Albion. The following is a clipping from the report:

"One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of Miss Emma R. Osbourne, of this city, and Frederic M. Northwood, formerly of Chatham, Canada, now of Chicago, which occurred New Year's Eve. The maid of honor was Miss Edith Northwood, sister of the groom, and the best man was Mr. Harry Northwood, cousin of the groom. It was a most impressive and beautiful ceremony. Above them hung the British and American flags.

"Mr. and Mrs. Northwood were the recipients of many beautiful gifts of solid silver, cut glass, pictures and bric-a-brac.

"The bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. Milton M. Osbourne, deceased, and Mrs. Clara Osbourne. Dr. Osbourne was one of our oldest and most highly respected residents. Miss Osbourne is a young woman of charming mind and person and possesses a happy combination of great sweetness and strength of character. She graduated from Albion College in 1900. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Mr. Northwood is a promising young business man, manly and straightforward.

"Among the out of town guests were Mrs. John M. Northwood, Miss Edith Northwood and Mr. Harry Northwood, of Chatham, Canada, and Dr. Richard Davidson, of Toronto, Canada."

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SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

Register while there is yet time! Friday night is the night of nights.

The Banner is afraid to be fair. Why?

Now's the day and now's the hour; register. You may be called away.

But bet the Opera House will be crowded at the Big Whitney Meeting.

The Hon. Mr. Whitney will be here Friday night. That's the leader you can be proud of.

Why is the Banner anxious to keep its readers in the dark? Why is it afraid of the light?

It's men of the standard and stamp of the Hon. J. P. Whitney and James Clancy that make a party.

If you're not on the list, register. You're vote will help to banish corruption from Ontario politics.

A Liberal said to me, "The Banner is the poorest excuse for a party organ that could be." Why did he say that?

Well, I just guess that I'll be at that meeting Friday night, and I've got a whole lot of cheers I've never used yet.

Will some good Liberal undertake to explain why the Banner didn't publish Ward Stanworth's statement? Why were they afraid of it?

Three years ago, when I used that Darwin Missing Link joke, I thought it was real clever. When the B. Mistake used it yesterday it sounded real tame.

Why is the Banner AFRAID to publish Mr. Thornton's letter and Ward Stanworth's statement? Mr. Voter, read both and understand for yourself.

The Banner is an advocate of the Ross-Stratton-Sullivan-Graham corruptionists. Is the company having its effect on the Rossie organette or is it merely getting into its element?

After slandering Dr. Thornton, the Banner refused to publish that gentleman's protest. After slandering Ward Stanworth, they refused to publish Dr. Thornton's letter and Ward Stanworth's letter. Didn't you read them?

What do the rank and file of the Liberals think of the Banner's action? Does it compare favorably with the burning of the ballot boxes and the refusal to stop the trip of the Minnie M?

Honest and Fair, why certainly the B. Mistake is just as honest and fair as Ross, Stratton, Sullivan, Graham, Byron Lott, Shirley or any of the other corruptionists. Of course, they published Dr. Thornton's letter and Ward Stanworth's letter. Didn't you read them?

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies of the Home was held in Harrison Hall Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Although the weather was stormy there was a good attendance. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer. There were present: Mrs. Scane, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Tyhurst, Miss Ryan, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Tassman, Mrs. H. McDonald, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. W. J. Johnson. The ladies wish to thank the following for donations: W. Anderson, goose; St. Vincent de Paul Society, ham; flour; the Ladies Altar Society, St. Joseph's Church, \$5.00; the Masons, \$5.00; Mrs. J. McCoig, oranges; a friend, candy and oranges; Miss Kingston, oranges; Mrs. Mellish, oranges and candy; Mrs. S. Stephenson, oranges, candy and calendars; Mrs. W. Wilson, oranges, candy and calendars; Mrs. Scane, cakes.

The ladies wish to extend a hearty vote of thanks to the King's Daughters, who so kindly provided a tea and music at the Home, which the inmates enjoyed very much.

The Sunshine Society also gave a tea, which was very much enjoyed. Home accounts ordered paid—H. Stevens, wood, \$369.00; P. Dauphin, wood, \$59.00; Beth House, W. H. Glaser, \$2.00; E. Purnham, wood, \$12.45; Shea, printing, \$2.50; Lapp, milk, \$6.00; W. Anderson, \$1.80; v. Somervile, \$10.00; T. Stone, \$11.50; G. Hayward, \$16.01; washing, M. Johnson, \$1.00; Kennedy, sawing, \$1.00; Matron's salary, \$20.00. Ward accounts to be paid—No. 2, J. H. Bogart, \$1.50; No. 4, T. W. Smith, \$16.50; W. P. Huff, \$1.47; No. 5, Marshall, \$9.75; Moore & Benson, \$7.00; Bob Snider, for wood hauling, \$5.75; Mrs. Barry, weaving carpet, \$2.81; J. L. Scott, coal, \$11.50; G. W. Cowan, 60. Received board for Mrs. Woods, \$5.00; received board for Mrs. Quinn, \$4.00; received board for Lucy Dukes, \$3.00.

Moved by Mrs. Tassman and seconded by Mrs. Fleming, that Mrs. S. F. Gardiner and Mrs. H. McDonald, and Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Flynn be visiting committee for next month.

ETHEL E. JOHNSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

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50c, 60c, and 65c, Linoleums at 46c yard.

14 pieces English and Scotch Linoleums, three yards and four yards wide in new floral and tile designs; choice colorings, worth up to 65c a square yard. Thursday price 44c.

HEAVY FLOOR OIL CLOTHS AT 22c a yard.

16 pieces heavy floor oil cloths 1 yard, 1-1/2 and 1-3/4 yards wide, choice new patterns. Thursday a square yard 22c.

35c WINDOW SHADES AT 25c—

10 dozen opaque window shades, standard size, colors cream, green and terra cotta, mounted on spring rollers, complete, Thursday, each 25c.

PURE WOOL SERGES AT 25c YD—

Fine all wool dress serges 40 to 42 in. wide, firm weave, black, navy, cardinal green, sky, pink, cream, blue, myrtle and royal. Thursday per yard 25c.

PLEATED DRESS GOODS 50c YD—

42 inches wide, fine pure wool, standard size, colors black, navy, light and dark cardinal, blue, sky and brown, worth 75c a yard. Special at 50c.

The Busy Cash Store

85c. BLEACHED TABLE LINEN AT 68c. YARD—

3 pes. fine pure Irish linen, bleached damask, full 2 yards wide, best satin finish, grass bleach, choice patterns, good value at 85c yard. Thursday,

LADIES' SKIRTS AT ALMOST HALF—

27 only ladies' skirts of pure wool, frize, homespun, covert and tweed mixtures, all cut in this season's latest styles, colors black, Oxford, navy and flaked mixtures, regular \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, and \$6.50 each, clearing Thursday at \$3.68.

\$1.25, \$1.39 AND \$1.50 BLACK UNDERSKIRTS AT 98c—

Six dozen ladies' undershirts, rich silky quality, black satana, made with deep full flounce, trimmed with ruffles, tuckings, hemstitchings and pleatings, lengths 38 to 44 inches, regular up to \$1.50 each, Thursday each 98c.

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12 1-2c AND 15c CURTAIN LACE AND MUSLINS AT 10c YARD—

Eight pieces taped curtain lace, fancy curtain muslins and lace stripe curtain scrims, 36 to 44 inches wide, regular 12 1-2c and 15c yard, Thursday 10c.

MEN'S \$20.00 FUR COATS AT \$16.50

Five only black Astrachan wolf coats, rich glossy fur, extra well made, quilted Italian linings, large storm collar, long lengths, sizes 38 to 46, regular \$20.00 each, Thursday at \$16.50.

BARGAINS IN LADIES' COATS—

Stylish coats, regular \$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$9.00 each, clearing Thursday at \$3.95.

LADIES' COATS—

All up-to-date styles, regular up to \$10.00 each, clearing Thursday at \$5.90.

LOT GIRLS COATS AT \$2.90 WORTH UP TO \$6.00 EACH—

Eleven only girls long and short coats, regular \$4.00 to \$6.00 each, clearing Thursday at \$2.90.

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MEETING AT CHATHAM CENTRE

A largely attended meeting was held last night in the town hall, Chatham Centre, in the interests of Mr. McCoig, who was personally present with his two lieutenants, Walker and Gundy. Ex-Ald. George G. Martin represented Mr. Clancy. Although McCoig, Walker and Gundy did the most speaking, Mr. Martin monopolized the cheers and plaudits of the large audience. Mr. Martin dealt entirely upon the corruption of the Government and the desirability for a change, and in this the electors at Chatham Centre were to a large extent with him. Chatham Centre is noted as a strong Liberal division, but many will this time aid the defeat of the Ross administration.

PALE WEAK GIRLS

Obtain Bright Eyes, Rosy Cheeks and Perfect Health Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Miss Jennie Burrows, Rigault, Que., says: "I write to thank you for the wonderful benefit your Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done me. I am now 22 years of age, but from the time I was fourteen I did not enjoy good health. A couple of years ago while attending school I grew worse, and the Sisters in charge called in a doctor. After treating me for some time, without any improvement, he told me that I must discontinue my studies. When I got home I was sent to Caledonia Springs. The first month I was there it seemed to help me, but like all the medicines I had taken, the help was only temporary, and I relapsed into my former condition. I grew so pale and wax-like that strangers called me the wax figure. My heart would beat so violently that I could hear the noise it made. I was so weak I could not walk a block without support, or without resting two or three times. My head would sometimes ache so violently as to almost drive me mad, and at other times I would grow so dizzy that I could not stand. All this time I was taking treatment, but all the time was getting worse and worse, and I hardly hoped ever to be better again. At this time I read in a newspaper of a somewhat similar case cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I determined to try them. By the time I had used a half dozen boxes I had improved a great deal. From that on, week by week, I gained in health and strength, until by the time I had used eleven boxes I was enjoying better health than I had done for years. I am now well and strong, and thank God for the blessing of good health your wonderful Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have conferred upon me. I would strongly advise every weak and ailing girl who reads this to lose no time in taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured Miss Burrows because they made the rich red blood necessary to drive disease from the system. These pills go straight down to the root of the matter in the blood and cure that. That is why they cure all troubles due to bad blood. Anemia, pale ness, eruptions of the skin, palpitation, headaches, kidney trouble, rheumatism, neuralgia, and a host of other troubles, are all due to bad blood, and are speedily routed from the system by the rich, red blood made by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Don't take a substitute; see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around each box. If in doubt you can get the pills by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A rest in a crowded car is worth two in an empty one.

REGISTER! REGISTER!

It is necessary for every one to register who wishes to vote at the coming Provincial election unless his name is on Part 1 of the 1904 city list.

Registration at the recent Dominion election is no good for the Provincial election. The Provincial law makes re-registration necessary.

The days fixed for registration in Chatham are next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th days of January. The hours are from 10 to 1, 2 to 6, and 7.30 to 9 each day.

Persons residing over the river, which is No. 5 Ward, will register at the police station, and persons residing in any other part of the city will register at Harrison Hall before either Judge Bell in his chambers, James Holmes in Major Coogan's office, or Judge Dowling in the Council Chamber. These are the same places that were used at the last registration.

It is well to register the first day or at the earliest time possible, for if a person who has had a chance to register is afterwards called away from the city and should not get back before 9 p. m. of the 11th, he would lose his right to register.

The qualifications are simple: reside in the Province for a year and in the city for three months next preceding the 11th of January, 1905, being a British subject and 21 years of age. No property qualification is required. The only difference property makes is that tenants and owners, if assessed and living in the city at the time of assessment, are supposed to be put on the list without registration.

Make sure that your name is on. Get the names of your friends on. If you know of any person entitled to register whom you can not see personally, telephone the name to S. B. Arnold or ring up the people's committee room, telephone No. 3.

Remember the People's party can be aided greatly by the registration of every voter who is in favor of clean and honest Government.

If you are registered for the Dominion election in November last, you will have to register again. Don't forget that.

If you find you are not on No. 1 on the city voters' list, go and register. The names of many owners do not appear on the lists and they must register.

The success of Mr. James Clancy depends upon a full registration of the voters of Chatham.

NO DOUBT ABOUT B.B.P. BOND'S CASE

He was Onred of Brights Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Doctors said there was no hope for him but he is a Well Man Now.

Mount Brydges, Ont., Jan. 9. (Special)—That Dodd's Kidney Pills cure Bright's Disease completely and permanently has been clearly shown in the case of Mr. Robert Bond, a well-known resident of this place. Mr. Bond does not hesitate to say he owes his life to Dodd's Kidney Pills. "My attending physician," Mr. Bond states, "said I was in the last stages of Bright's Disease and that there was no hope for me. I then commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and no other remedy. I used in all about twenty boxes when my doctor pronounced me quite well. I have had no return of the trouble since."

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DIED IN WINDSOR

A number of deaths have occurred in Windsor and vicinity since Sunday morning. Angus C. McDonald, aged 78 years, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Chas. Hawkins, Janette avenue, and the remains will be interred at Goderich. Mrs. Mary Cummings Barclay, aged 92 years, relict of John Barclay, formerly of Chatham, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William Jamieson, London, street. Interment will take place in Chatham. — Detroit Free Press.

Tearing down signals does not delay storms. Opium-laden "medicines" may check coughing, but the cold stays. Do not trifle: when you begin to cough take Allen's Lung Balm, free from opium, full of healing power.

Fear of darkness is more than supposition. It is at night, mostly, that evil men plot.

FOR SALE

If you want to buy a good house and lot call upon Smith & Smith, as they have several good houses for sale from \$550 up. They also have private and company funds to loan on farm and city property at lowest rate of interest.

SMITH & SMITH,
Real Estate Agents.

NOTICE

Messrs. Peace & Co. have placed in my hands all their accounts for collection. The books and accounts are at my office and may be seen there. Any persons owing the firm of Peace & Company will kindly call at my office and pay their account. I wish all accounts owed by Peace & Company to be presented to me when the claims will be settled.

Dated at Chatham this 10th day of January, 1905.

WARD STANWORTH.

THE FAST TRAINS.

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