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Carpets and Curtains For Spring

The interest of the season now concentrates upon our great Carpet and Curtain stocks. To-day we call your attention to

Our Great Dollar Lace Curtains

300 pairs, latest style in Nottingham Lace Curtains, 54 and 56 in. wide, and 3½ yds. long, all finished with lock-stitch edge, in five different designs, we believe them to be the best value ever shown, your choice at per pair \$1.00.

Crossley's Axminster at \$1.50

It is unnecessary to say anything about the quality of this Carpet, and we invite you to come and see the designs, they are handsome.

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15 different patterns to choose from, this line of Carpet was formerly sold at \$1.25 per yard. You will notice the saving, the equal cannot be bought for anything like the price.

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We show a large range of this popular priced Carpet, pretty designs and very durable, if the price suits you cannot do better than select from this assortment.

Jno. Crossley & Sons Velvet Carpet \$1.25

The handsomest and most durable Carpet in Canada for the price, we have many patterns for you to choose from.

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This is the shoe that makes walking a pleasure.

It has a heavier sole than an ordinary turn, yet perfectly flexible. Has a Live-Wool-Felt Pad insole, which absorbs perspiration. Prevents dampness, increases circulation of the blood. No jar is possible with the elastic pad. This shoe is strictly up to date in point of last.

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And to other makes. We haven't a wheel in stock we can't recommend to you for its lightness, easy-running and durability.

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If you are thinking of buying a B. cycle, SEE US—Our terms are made to suit the buyer, always from 75 to 100 New Wheels in stock to choose from and our prices are right.

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Local Briefs

Geo. A. Purvis is spending Easter at his home in Galt.

A. D. Lawrence, of Thamesville, was in the city yesterday.

S. L. Wellwood, of Merlin, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

J. A. Tompkins, of Ridgetown, spent Easter Sunday in the city.

M. P. Murphy, of Blenheim, was a guest in the city yesterday.

William S.roule, of this city, is visiting his home in Oil Springs.

Miss Mary Higgs, of this city, is visiting at her home in Appleton.

Henry Brown, of Dresden, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

Miss McDermid, is spending the Easter holidays at her home in Napier.

Miss Jean Mitchell, of the C. B. C., is visiting at her home in Rockwood.

Miss Margaret Adair, of this city, is visiting at her home in Petrolia for a few days.

J. Duke Raleigh, a teacher in the C. B. C., is spending a few days in Galt.

James Welch, Duke street, whose life was despaired of, is now able to be out again.

C. Campbell, of the C. B., is visiting his parents in Fletcher during the Easter vacation.

T. Crouch, of Pontiac, Mich., an old Chatham boy, spent Easter with his friends in the city.

Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Chapman, of London, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. Austin, King street.

Miss Emma Graham, who has been attending the C. B. C., is spending her holidays in Dresden.

Miss Marge Kerr of this city, has secured a lucrative position with an architect firm in Detroit.

Misses Cordelia and Anna Torreal, students at the C. B. C., are spending Easter at their home.

Miss Nellie Hall, of the Canada Business College, is spending her Easter vacation at her home in Oustry.

T. Marshall, of Walkerville, General Passenger Agent for the Lake Erie, passed through the city yesterday.

Mrs. Somerville, Richmond street, has recovered from her recent attack of pneumonia, and is now able to sit up.

J. E. Causgrove, a teacher in the business department of the C. B. C., is spending Easter at his home in Selkirk.

The Shenango arrived at the Eau yesterday afternoon from Connacat, with a cargo of coal for the Lake Erie Company.

Mrs. (Rev.) Harrison, of London, will give an address in the Park St. Lecture hall, on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Lake Erie steel team commenced to-day to finish putting down the heavy steel rails on the line north of Chatham.

Miss Maud Lester, of Amherstburg, has entered upon a yearly course in the shorthand department of the Canada Business College.

Mrs. Gauthier, of Pain Court, who underwent a successful operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, has returned to her home quite recovered.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelmina Murray, died on Sunday.

The funeral took place yesterday at the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Christ Church Guild is having a sale of work and cooking to-day and to-morrow in the store formerly occupied by Morley & Co.

Alex. Kirkwood and Robert McCutcheon, of Oil Springs, will return to the C. B. C. for a further term in the business department.

Miss Nellie Gray, a former student of the Canada Business College, has secured a position as stenographer with the Howley firm.

H. S. Robertson, mathematical master of the Seaford Collegiate Institute, is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. C. Smith, William street.

Geo. Blackburn, of Scott's gent's furnishings store, is receiving the congratulations of his friends over the advent in his home of a boy.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Crews, of Toronto, who has been spending the Easter holidays with Mrs. C. Austin, King street, returned home yesterday.

Miss Archer, Mrs. M. Bogart and Mabel Gardner, will sing solos at the W. M. S. convention, in the Park St. Lecture Hall, on Wednesday evening.

Miss Pearl White and Miss Edith Doleen will sing solos at the W. M. S. meeting, in the Park St. Lecture Hall, Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

The ladies of Christ Church have made preparations for their annual sale of work and cooking, commencing to-morrow morning. The sale will be continued the following day.

A box car off the track at Rodney, caused considerable delay on the Lake Erie, Saturday evening. The accident was due to a defective brake.

The auxiliary from Chatham, was called out and soon remedied the trouble.

Mrs. Wm. Lee, of Wallaceburg, who underwent a very critical surgical operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, is doing nicely, and is now well out of danger. The operation was performed by Dr. Rutherford, assisted by Dr. Backus.

The young daughter of Frank Knifton met with a very painful accident on Sunday. She was sitting near an open window, when it fell, crushing her fingers badly. The injured hand was dressed by Dr. Rutherford, and the little girl's suffering is now greatly relieved.

CONFERENCE AT UTRECHT

Kruger, Leyds and Boer Delegates in Europe to Discuss Situation.

Surprise That Schalkburger has not got in Touch With De Wet.

The Hague, March 31.—Mr. Kruger, Dr. Leyds and the Boer delegates in Europe, are expected to hold an important meeting at Utrecht, April 2, to consider the situation in view of Acting President Schalkburger's peace move. Well informed people here say General Schalkburger was evidently influenced by the receipt of the news of the result of the Dutch note to Great Britain on the subject of peace in South Africa and other despatches sent him from here. It is known that his communications with President Steyn and Gen. De Wet, which have heretofore been easily carried on, were interrupted by the recent British military movements, and as it was necessary to communicate with Mr. Steyn and General De Wet before any peace proposition could be formulated, General Schalkburger had to apply to Lord Kitchener for a safe conduct. Considerable surprise is expressed here at Schalkburger's delay in getting in touch with De Wet, and it is thought that something unusual must be behind it. But even if the Orange Free State and Transvaal officials agree to peace terms it would not be necessary for both republics to call a general meeting of the commanders, and submit the proposals to the burghers before they could be submitted to Lord Kitchener.

LITTLE ONE CALLED

Doloris, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Neff, Head street, died on Saturday after a brief illness with peritonitis. The little girl was sick for eight days. She took part in St. Patrick's concert, which was held recently, and up to the time of her first illness was in the best of health. The funeral took place yesterday morning at nine o'clock to St. Joseph's church and thence to St. Anthony's cemetery. The pall bearers were J. Robert, H. Bechard, L. Bechard and John Brennan.

A LAME HORSE

About two weeks ago Humane Officer McGregor caught a farmer named De Cant, of Dover, driving a horse which was very lame on his front feet. He notified the man that he would be prosecuted if he was found driving the horse in that condition.

Last Saturday when Mr. McGregor was over the river, near the Aberdeen Hotel, he saw De Cant coming into town driving what he thought the same horse. De Cant in his turn caught sight of the detective, and turned around before he reached the hotel. He proceeded home again. The Humane Officer does not know now whether the man was really driving the lame horse, or if he suddenly thought of something he had left at home, and turned back to get it. The farmer, however, gave the detective no chance to investigate the matter, and he has not been in town since.

THE REBEKAHS

The local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah held a very successful meeting last week, when a number of candidates from Dresden were initiated. This was the commencement of a lodge in Dresden. The work was put on in excellent style and the local team was the subject of much praise during the evening. Some of those in attendance from Dresden were Alex. Cuthbert, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, R. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jamieson. There were about 40 present at the meeting.

The following is a list of the officers of the local lodge:— V. G.—Mrs. Arvhouse. V. G.—Miss Askin. P. G.—Mrs. Jas. Dodson. Chaplain—Miss Martha Merrill. Conductor—Miss Bennett. Warden—Mrs. B. K. Harper. J. G.—Miss Fielder. R. S. N. G.—Mrs. R. Pritchard. R. S. N. G.—Miss McLeod. R. S. V. G.—Miss Bennett. L. S. V. G.—Miss Cooper. B. A. S.—Mrs. Thos. Smith. L. A. S.—Mrs. W. Moore. Captain—A. W. Merrill.

Mrs. Pinconneault, of Pain Court, was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Marshall, Head street, who has been quite ill, is much improved. She was able to be up town yesterday for the first time in many weeks.

The Letter-Box

IS MR. SMITH WRONGED?

In reading over the report in Saturday's issue of your valuable paper on the Library Board meeting and in listening to the report of the matter as given by some of the different members of the Board, I am at a loss to account for Mr. Smith's action both before and during the time the vote was being taken, and his statement to Mr. Sheldrick, according to your report, at the close of the meeting. View these in comparison with the stand he took when the years and days were called for and they are so diverse as to set one thinking whether you want to or not.

Was not the offer from the owners of the King and Third street property for \$1,800 made at the opening of the meeting? If so, why should Mr. Smith make the remark to Mr. Sheldrick that if the offer had been made before the voting took place he would have supported it? I understand that he was quite open in expressing his preference for the King street site during the time the meeting was in session and even while the voting was in progress, and emphasizing this preference with vigorous punches on the ribs of one of the other members of the Board. I cannot understand why Mr. Smith should pretend to favor the one site during the ballot and then when the years and days were called to be found voting the other way; and further, after all this, express himself to Mr. Sheldrick as your report states.

It does not seem quite right that a man of Mr. Smith's intelligence should be placed in this unenviable position before the public, and if he has been wrongly reported, by all means put him right; or if he had any misunderstanding as to the validity of the second offer on the King and Third street site let this point be properly put before him before the next meeting takes place, as it may mean the saving of a good many hundreds of dollars to the already overburdened taxpayers.

A CITIZEN.

THE QUEEN ST. SITE.

Mr. Editor.—It seems strange to me that the free library board should decide for the second time to take that little triangular lot called the Martin property, when such a fine lot, only a stone's throw away from it could be had on Queen street, for little over half the money. I should think that past experiences of placing public buildings on small lots should suffice and wherever the building is placed there should be enough land to give it a respectable appearance. I don't wish to place myself in the position of special advocate of the Queen street property, corner of Queen and Cross streets, but really, when such a fine lot is offered at such a reasonable figure, surely the board should consider it. The above lot is 100 feet square, on a corner lot, running next to an alley, so that a building placed in the centre of it would have the advantage of light from all sides. Then, besides, any contractor will say that a square building can be built much cheaper than a triangular one or a round one. I think if it is possible due consideration should be given this property before the purchase is finally completed.

I am, Sir,

RATE PAYER.

THE LIBRARY SITE.

To the Editor of The Planet:— Dear Sir,—I have been watching with considerable interest the actions of the Public Library Board re choice of site, and I sincerely hope that in the city's interest a wise choice may be made. We have already three magnificent buildings on the different corners opposite the site which seems to be the choice of the majority of the members of the Board, viz., the Martin site, and while this was the spot that on first consideration caught my fancy, yet, on closer investigation, I found that the size of the lot was so small as to make it, in my estimation, nothing short of a calamity to the city, should that site prove the final choice of the Board.

Let any person who has no axe to grind, no personal interests at stake, nothing but the city's interest at heart, take his stand in a position where he can get a good view of the buildings already referred to, which are on the opposite corners, and what is the first thing about them that strikes you unfavorably? To me it is this: Why did the generosity which prompted the promoters to erect such grand buildings, stop short of sufficient vacant space adjoining them to show them off to advantage? If the Central school were not a school the question would not apply so much in its case; but it is, and the pity is that it was not built in the centre of the block with all of the balance of the space utilized as a playground for the pupils rather than being crowded up as it is. There is such a thing as shortsighted economy, and I think this is a sample of it. Again, take the First Presbyterian church, a building that is an ornament to the city, and is

not its beauty largely diminished by the old frame buildings butting up against it. Lastly, look at Harrison Hall, and the same lack of appropriate ground space nearly kept will apply. Surely with these most convincing object lessons so near at hand our Public Library Board will not be caught in a similar mistake.

If it must be the Martin site, then if possible, secure sufficient property back of the Martin lot to allow of the library building being placed sufficient distance back from either street to allow of suitable available space for a nice green sward to set the building off on all sides.

Surely Mr. Carnegie's generosity should meet with a sufficient response on the part of the city to give the gift such surroundings as would be in keeping with such a splendid building as we hope to have.

If the expense of these surroundings is too great in the locality mentioned, then by all means select the site on the corner of King and Third streets. As I understand it, there is plenty of ground space in this lot to give the building such surroundings as it should have, and with this further advantage that the city would be saving a thousand dollars.

The latter, while a very important matter, should be subservient to the question of suitable site, but if we can combine both of the questions in one spot, by all means let that be the site chosen.

Yours, etc.,
A HEAVY RATEPAYER.

UNDESIRABLE FEATURES.

To Editor of The Planet:

The almost stoical persistence of the now historical quintet of the Chatham Free Library Board forcing their equally if not superior educated colleagues to acquire the Martin lot as a building site for the new library building in preference to more favorable lots offered by tenders, deserves severe criticism.

The Martin lot is, perhaps, one of the most favorably located but, Mr. Editor, consider its undesirable features:—First, the area is too contrasted. Second, the close proximity to the Central school and still of the more undesirable market square where a great many idlers frequently congregate, and the poor almost tumble down buildings adjoining and opposite, and last but by no means not the least, the exorbitant price of \$2,500 for a property assessed for \$1,800. All this should condemn it for that purpose, and it is indeed hard to comprehend how they came to such conclusions. I will charitably assume that it is nothing else than incapacity.

That they almost ignored the tenders for more desirable lots and at cheaper rates is beyond my comprehension.

READER.

March 31st.

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Ladies' Toe Slips in one, two and four straps across instep, from \$1.00 UP.

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