

## The Planet.

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 FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1905.

## A MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION.

"A movement is being made among the business men to renovate the present composition of the Board of Trade, or failing in that plan, to start a brand new association, founded on the young material that has within recent years become an important part of the mercantile community. There are now what is called a picnic-rate board, which meets once a year to hear a report being read, arrange for the annual picnic, and compels the treasurer to periodically show his pockets. There are two subsidiary institutions to this body, called the Retail Merchants' Association and the Industrial Committee, that are doing fairly good work so far as they go, but the order of their going is not very far. There is a big vacancy for such a cosmopolitan body, and lots of material to work on, but with the two other commercial organizations promising a lot and doing little, an independent body is loathe to start out on its own account. The union of the entire three would create an excellent and useful association, and one, if organized and worked on proper and sensible basis, could do a considerable amount of good for the city and the citizens thereof."

The foregoing from the London Free Press applies equally to Chatham. The suggestion is an admirable one and will repay a thorough examination by those interested.

## LUCKY WORKMEN

The region beneath the old market shed is said to be a regular silver mine, and many stories are in circulation as to the money that has been found beneath the old landmark. For the past two days workmen have been engaged demolishing the structure and it is said that many of the men are richer by their finds of silver below the floor. Ed. T. Jones stated yesterday morning that one man had found a gold ring in addition to many silver coins. The cracks were large in the floor and it was generally fairly unlucky for the market woman that dropped any money.

DISTRICT DOINGS  
TILBURY

May 4.—Under the new M. C. R. time card, taking effect May 14, the west-bound noon train will be taken off, while an early west-bound morning train due here about 5:40 a. m. will be put on. There is some prospect of the east-bound midnight stopping here.

Mrs. Baird and daughter leave today for Detroit.

D. P. Finn, of Tilbury East, has exchanged his farm, a w. pt. lot 20, concession 11, 82 acres, to William Oulfs for the latter's interest in the Massey-Harris implement business here.

D. Mailoux, who is attending a Detroit dental college, is highly spoken of by the Detroit papers as a good all-round amateur baseball player.

W. C. Crawford has moved his tin-smithing and plumbing business to his new quarters.

The colored Jubilee Singers will appear in Anderson Hall on Tuesday, June 6.

On the 25th ult., to the wife of J. A. Tremblay is in receipt of congratulations over a son.

## FLORENCE.

Measles are prevalent in town. School re-opened on Monday after the Easter holidays.

Mrs. (Dr.) Charteris and daughter Gwen., of Chatham, spent a few days here last week.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Baden, Ont., occupied the Presbyterian pulpit last Sunday morning.

Miss Ida Corbett, who has been engaged with the G. N. W. Telegraph Co., Toronto, during the past six months, has returned home.

Mr. Wilbert Wells left last Wednesday for the Northwest. We regret losing such a worthy citizen but wish him every success in his new home.

Mr. McGavitt, of Bothwell, has obtained a position with Craig and McDonald, hardware merchants.

Mrs. Wm. Wells and children, of Rutherford, spent the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. North.

Miss Edna De Long is ill with appendicitis.

The Florence Circuit Epworth League will hold its annual convention in the Methodist church here on Sunday and Monday, May 14th and 15th. Good essays and music are being prepared. Rev. Messrs. R. Hobbs, of London Conference, and S. W. Muxworthy, of Watford, will be present and deliver addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald, of Dresden, were guests of Mr. D. F. McDonald and family last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Edison Walker and family are renewing acquaintances in town. He is leaving his pastorate at Essex and moving to Palmerston.

Anniversary services of the L. O. O. F. were held Sunday afternoon

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Do These Prices  
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16 lbs. Best Grain Sugar.....	\$1.00
1 lb. Pure Gold Blend Coffee.....	40c
6 Bars Sunlight, Surprise or Comfort Soap.....	25c
15 lbs. Washing Soda.....	25c
4 lbs. Laundry Starch.....	25c
3 lbs. Sweet Biscuits.....	25c
100 lbs. First-Class Flour.....	2.85
90 lbs. Choice Eastern Potatoes.....	\$1.00

Lettuce, Radishes,  
 Green Onions, Turnips,  
 Carrots, Beets, Celery,  
 Parsnips, &c.  
 Prompt Delivery.

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on the 30th ult., in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Baden, Ont., and formerly pastor of the Presbyterian congregation here, preached an interesting sermon to the Order, and large congregations. Special music was provided by the L. O. O. F. choir.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson, Howard Tp., visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Tiffin, Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hanks, of this village, and also visited her brother, F. J. Hanks, Langbank.

Since that letter appeared re duty of license inspectors you would think on Saturday nights and Sundays there was a funeral at each of our hotels—they are so quiet.

Lloyd Mills, C. B. C. Chatham, visited friends here recently.

## THE STAGE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Grand—  
 Richards & Pringle's Famous Minstrels—May 10.  
 (Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

The famous funsters and laugh generators that have been collected from the higher ranks of minstrelsy under the banner of Richards & Pringle's Famous Minstrels will be seen at the Grand on Wednesday, May 10.

No more welcome announcement than this could be made to the fun-loving portion of the public. The management of this mammoth array of Senegambian talent have this season outdone all their previous efforts and have secured nearly all the well-known favorites for their production.

Novel and elaborate stage settings and costumes, which have taxed the artists' and costumers' skill and ingenuity, have been prepared to delight the eye, and the world of music has been probed to its innermost depths for the effects to charm the ear.

With Clarence Powell, clever Billy Young, Pat Bartlett, Pete Woods, Robert Williams and a score of assistant comedians, the fun department is filled to overflowing. The biggest street parade ever attempted by a like organization is one of the features.

## SPECKLED TROUT.

Season opens May 1st. Tourist tickets go on sale then. W. R. Risling, C. P. & T. A., of the Grand Trunk, can tell you where to go to catch the speckled beauties.

## LOOK UP!

Your grocery order, bring it, mail it, or phone it in to us. It will receive our prompt attention. Every effort to please and give you satisfaction will be put forth.

6 lbs. Prunes for 25c.  
 Extra Ginger Snaps 10c lb.  
 Bananas 15c per dozen.  
 Malta Vita 10c per package.  
 2 lb. Pails Jam 18c.  
 1 lb. Fresh Ground Coffee 15c.  
 3 cans Blueberries 25c.  
 2 cans Red Salmon 50c.  
 Clothes Pins 1c per dozen.  
 3 cans Beets 25c.

## Big Out in Grocery Prices

For one week ten piece Chamber sets \$1.95; Dinner sets, 97 pieces, \$4.90; Tea sets, \$2.40; China Glassware, in fact everything in the dish line away down in price.

## John McConnell

Park St. Phone 190

## HONORABLE

On Tuesday evening, May 2nd, a very pleasant event took place at St. Joseph's Hospital, when an informal reception was held in honor of Dr. J. L. Bray, who recently received from the Queen's University, Kingston, the honorary title of Doctor of Laws.

The Nurses' Lecture Room was handsomely decorated for the occasion, with the university colors, together with a profusion of carnations, palms and lilies. A delightful little program of high class music, vocal and instrumental, was rendered by young ladies of the Ursuline academy, at the termination of which one of the nurses came forward and read an address. After the Doctor feelingly replied. After the singing of God Save the King, all repaired to the dining hall, which was also tastefully decorated with flowers and hanging, red, yellow and blue, and where a sumptuous banquet was prepared.

The following is a copy of the address:—

Dear Doctor J. L. Bray, LL. D.:  
 Dear Doctor—With feelings of unmingled pleasure we listened, some time ago, that your distinguished labors in the cause of medical science had been so fully recognized and appreciated as to win for you the honorary title of "Doctor of Laws." Now that you are a happy possessor of that enviable distinction; it is only fitting that we, the Sisters and Nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital, gather around you to offer our felicitations on the glad occasion, or rather, to participate in the honor, because we have, at all times, regarded you as an important factor of the institution. Verily, we consider the favor we have fallen on of Hospital, so closely and so devotedly from its very inception until now. That you may be given many years to reap the laurels, so worthily bestowed, is the earnest wish of all assembled here, in friendship, to-night.

## Practices What He Preaches.

Mr. Edward Carpenter, whose book on "Civilization: Its Cause and Cure," has just aroused the cordial appreciation and interest of Tolstol, has put his doctrines into practice by retiring to the world to a small Socialist community, which cultivates the land at Holmesfield, on the Derbyshire moors, between Chesterfield and Sheffield, says The London Star. He was a student of his college at Cambridge, and took orders in 1869, but five years later he relinquished his fellowship and his orders. After seven years' activity as a university extension lecturer he visited Walt Whitman in America, and in the intimacy with the American thinker seems to have colored his philosophy ever since. "Towards Democracy," one of his best known works, written under the Whitman influence, and in the farm life at Holmesfield, to which he subsequently added, as a work of social usefulness, the making of sandals.

## CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Are Easier—Hogs and Cattle Are Higher at Chicago.

London, May 3.—Cattle are quoted at 11s to 12s 6d per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9c to 9s 6d per lb.; sheep, 10c to 10s 6d per lb.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.—The receipts were 800 cattle, 100 milch cows, 300 sheep and lambs and 1000 hogs.

A feature of the trade in cattle was a demand from exporters for choice steers at 12c, a depressing effect upon the market, and prices show a decline of 1/4c per lb. The demand for the supply was very low.

Trade in hogs was active, and prices were fairly good. Choice hogs were sold at 12c to 12 1/2c; fair, 11c to 11 1/2c; common, 10c to 11c; inferior, 9c to 10c. Choice hogs were sold at 12c to 12 1/2c; fair, 11c to 11 1/2c; common, 10c to 11c; inferior, 9c to 10c.

The trade in calves was active, and prices were fairly good. Choice calves were sold at 12c to 12 1/2c; fair, 11c to 11 1/2c; common, 10c to 11c; inferior, 9c to 10c.

The market for live hogs was easy, but as the demand from packers was much better than on Monday, prices show little change. Selected lots sold at \$7.40, and mixed lots at \$7 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

EAST BUFFALO CATTLE MARKET.—East Buffalo, May 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 300 head; fairly active and 10c to 15c higher; prices, \$6.15 to \$6.50; shipping, \$6.15 to \$6.50; rough, \$4.75 to \$5.00; beef, \$4 to \$5.50; cows, \$3 to \$4.75; bulls, \$4 to \$5.50; rough, \$4.75 to \$5.00; stock hogs, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Veals—Receipts, 500; steady at \$4 to \$5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3500 head; active and 10c to 15c higher; heavy and mixed, \$5.35 to \$5.60; prime, \$5.35 to \$5.60; a few, \$5.65; pigs, \$5.50 to \$5.65; rough, \$4.90 to \$5.20; stage, \$3 to \$3.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6200 head; steady to strong; lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.40; yearlings, \$3.25 to \$3.50; wethers, \$4.85 to \$5.10; \$4.25 to \$4.50; sheep, mixed, \$3.50 to \$4.75.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.—New York, May 3.—Beef—Receipts, 12,000; steady to a shade higher, but better than on Monday; prices, \$4.85 to \$5.35; stage, \$4.85 to \$5.35; rough, \$4.40 to \$4.60; Export, 137 cattle and 2700 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 400 cattle.

Calves—Receipts, 487; market moderate; active and 25c to 50c higher; prices, \$8.10 to \$8.15; little calves and culls, \$2 to \$3.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3300; sheep steady; lambs more active and 10c higher; quality considered; spring lambs firm; clipped sheep, \$3 to \$5; northern do, \$3 to \$5.50; clipped lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.40; yearling, \$7 to \$7.80; Maryland spring lambs, \$5.50 per head; state culls, \$2 to \$3.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000; market 10c to 15c higher; a few hogs, \$5.75 to \$5.90.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.—Chicago, May 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,500; good to prime, \$5.75 to \$6.00; stock and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; mixed and butchers, \$5.20 to \$5.45; good to choice, heavy, \$5.25 to \$5.45; rough, heavy, \$4.90 to \$5.20; light, \$5.15 to \$5.40; bulk of sales, \$5.90 to \$5.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 14,000; good to choice, mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; to choice, mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; to choice, mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; to choice, mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75.

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Ahead  
of All Past Records

The month of April has been a record breaker with us. It showed the largest value of Spring business of any month in our history. Not only has the month as a whole shown a big increase, but last Saturday's sales were the largest of any day since we came to Chatham.

This April record means something to us and to you. It means bigger efforts—bigger business—bigger bargains during May month in order to keep up the pace. This Saturday we start off with the first Bargain Day List. Read it over carefully. It means money to you if you take advantage of its many money-saving suggestions.

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\$1.00 DRESS GOODS AT 48c YARD—

14 pieces, over 400 yards, fine pure wool tweed and homespun suitings, a yard and a half wide, light and medium weight, in spring designs and colorings, regular 75c, 85c and \$1.00 yard, Saturday price

48c.

50c JAPAN TAFFETA SILK 35c YD.

28 inches wide, rich pure silk, chiffon finish, ivory shade only, will wash beautifully, regular 50c a yard, Saturday price

33c.

CHIFFON TAFFETA SILKS—

Rich pure quality, warranted not to cut, colors black, light brown, mid brown, seal brown, navy, pearl grey and reseda, full width, special a yard

75c.

SHIRTSWAIST SUIT SILKS—

The largest range and best values in Western Ontario, checks, stripes, spots, figure spots, etc., in every wanted color and combination, matchless values at a yard \$1.00, 90c, 85c, 75c, 60c and

50c.

MILLINERY BARGAINS—

A special showing of handsomely trimmed hats, specially prepared for Saturday, latest New York styles and styles, special Saturday at each \$5.00, \$3.50 and

\$2.50.

OUTING HATS \$1.75 EACH, WORTH \$2.50—

Very latest New York shapes and trims, in wide range of styles, worth \$2.50 each, special at

\$1.75.

GIRLS' OUTING HATS—

Made of rich satin finish, straw braid, newest shapes, colors navy, brown, cardinal and white, trimmed with ribbon and novelty buckles, regular \$1.50 value, special at

95c.

18c REVERSIBLE CRETONNES AT 12 1-2c YARD—

Six pieces rich reversible cretonnes for curtains and hangings, crepe finish, 40 inches wide, good range of colors, regular 18c and 20c yard, Saturday price

12 1-2c.

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A SPECIAL BARGAIN IN CURTAIN MATERIALS—

15 pieces fancy corded white Swiss muslins, cream, ceru and white designs in fancy designs, Nottingham laces 42 to 44 inches wide, art muslins, etc., regular 12 1-2c to 15c yard, special Saturday.

10c.

LACE CURTAIN BARGAINS—

About 200 pairs handsome Nottingham Lace Curtains in latest designs, clearing Saturday at a pair \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and

33c.

73 PAIRS CURTAINS—

Elegant designs in new cable net makes, guaranteed in wear, special Saturday at a pair \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50 and

\$3.00.

10c SHEETING COTTONS 71-2c. A YARD—

800 yards fine, heavy, unbleached sheeting cotton, full yard wide, firm weave, pure, clean finish, a good 10c cotton, our Saturday price

71-2c.

HEAVY FEATHER TICKING 15c. A YARD—

Firm, close twill weave, full width, assorted stripes, regular 20c a yard, Saturday price

\$2.50.

20c CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTON 14c. YARD—

Fine, heavy English make, pure bleached, full 45 in. wide, a splendid 20c cotton, Saturday price

14c.

12 1-2c PRINTS 10c. YARD—

780 yards heavy prints, full yard wide, good range patterns, warranted fast colors, regular 12 1-2c yard, Saturday price

10c.

30c WINDOW SHADES 22c. EACH—

10 dozen full size window shades, assorted colors, complete on rollers, regular 30c to 35c each, Saturday price

22c.

LADIES' SPRING COATS—

Fine imported covert and box cloth, black and fawn, perfect fitting, special \$5.00, \$8.50 and

\$9.00.

LADIES' SHIRTSWAIST SUITS—

Rich mohairs, tweeds and broadcloths, handsome styles, at each \$20, \$15, \$12.50, \$10 and

\$6.50.

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