

The Letter-Box

CHATHAM, WALLACEBURG, AND LAKE ERIE RAILWAY CO.

As the time for voting on the by-law for the electric railway is drawing near at hand, I trust the ratepayers will consider the great interest it will be to Chatham to have an electric railway from Wallaceburg to Lake Erie.

Hundreds, even thousands of people would like to come to Chatham with their baskets of farm produce during the time roads are bad, rather than drive their horses over our bad roads they stay at home.

If this by-law is carried I believe the railway will be built in the near future, and it will be the means of not only bringing a large number in from the surrounding country which the railway runs through, but it will be the means of inducing a great many people to build houses and settle in Chatham, thereby giving employment to our mechanics and distributing their earnings among the merchants and others.

A through line, like a road from Wallaceburg to Lake Erie, is more than any of us could have wished for a few years ago, it being 30 miles or more, and in a short time, with the branches in the townships, and the connections with Blenheim and Rossau would make a system of nearly 60 miles of railway.

The head office, main power house, car barns, etc., must be located in Chatham. When this road is once in operation it will induce factories to locate here, and Chatham will grow rapidly and our surrounding country, being so rich and well adapted for farming, will also become thickly populated, as people will live where they can get the greatest conveniences.

In our by-law it looks as if we would have to raise a little over \$2800.00 per year, but the by-law does not mention that we get back from the Electric Railway Co. \$2,000.00 per year until they pay into our city treasury \$50,000.00, so that the small amount of interest that the city will pay towards loaning this money will be more than repaid to the city by the additional taxes that we will get from buildings, such as the power station, car barns and dwellings that will be erected by the citizens and will turn more taxes into the city treasury than will have paid out for interest.

Looking at the question as a matter of dollars and cents inside of the thirty years, the city will be very much ahead by getting nothing of the great convenience that the road will be to the city in bringing in people from outside.

I hope that every ratepayer in the city will vote for the by-law, and we have the railway and see Chatham built up as the prosperous city which it should be.

N. H. STEVENS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you no doubt are aware that a By-law will be submitted to the qualified voters of our city on Jan. 4, 1904, granting a loan of \$300,000 for ten years at three per cent. interest, repayable at \$3,000 per year, and a free site, to Henry W. W. Brown, of Birmingham, England, and his associates, for the erection of a Pork Packing and Bacon Curing establishment in Chatham. Mr. W. W. Brown agrees to employ 100 hands in return for above assistance, and he agrees to expend \$50,000 on plant upon which the city will hold a first mortgage. We have made enquiries about the financial ability of the firm to carry out the above transaction, and Mr. Hall, the Canadian representative of Canada, in England, recommends them highly. There is no question as to the great advantages this industry will be to our progressive city, and the Industrial committee have no hesitation in asking the electors to support the By-law, as it costs us comparatively nothing. For example, a person whose assessment is \$1,000 will only have ten cents yearly to pay for ten years, making the total cost for any individual assessed at \$1,000 only one dollar. The loan is \$300,000, site \$1,500, total \$31,500; difference in interest over what city receives from Mr. W. Brown \$2,385.60, making total cost to city of \$3,885.60 in the ten years, which means one hundred and thirty cents brought here from outside, and increasing our population to that amount with their families, and to think we get a concern employing one hundred hands, besides look at the great advantages it will be to the surrounding country in establishing a market for all their pork at home, Essex, Kent and Lambton are noted as being the three greatest hog producing counties in the Province, and there is no reason why Chatham should not have an industry to manufacture this product, and trust that the above By-law will meet with the approval of the electors, I am,

Yours respectfully, W. T. PIGOTT, Chairman Industrial Committee.

Silverware at Hardware prices. New Goods in Rogers' 1847 finest silver-plate, Best of carving sets, Pie servers, gold plated, pearl dessert, butter knives, fish forks, etc. You ever buy silverware or cutlery from us, our prices will surprise you. Put up your dinner table. Geo. Stephens & Co. 37 Doors West from Market, King Street

Get Rid of Scrofula

Tumors, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the tonsils, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes. It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Eradicates it, cures all its manifestations, and builds up the whole system. Accept no substitute.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Wood has taken a drop at Drader's, Queen street.

The P. O. staff wish to thank Mr. H. Malcolmson for the donation of delicious Christmas candy.

Lost!—On Dec. 23rd, between Wilson's Nursery and the Market Square, or on William St., a milk muf. The finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

Mrs. E. F. Stephenson and daughter Geraldine, Winnipeg, are in the city. Miss Stephenson will enter "Branksome Hall College," Toronto, after the holidays.

All kinds of working mitts, dressy gloves, driving gauntlets for the Christmas trade. 15c to \$5.00 a pair. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Lost, on Thursday evening, in Thos. Stone's store, or between there and the Gagner House, a purse containing a sum of money. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Planet Office.

Your cold will not become bronchitis, nor consumption, if you make a timely use of Allen's Lung Balsam. Take it frequently until the cough and the stopped-up feeling in the chest are gone.

Miss Isabella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Lacroix street, a pupil at "Branksome Hall," Toronto, is spending her Christmas holidays with her parents.

WHAT IS CATARRH? It is an inflammation of the mucous lining of the throat, bronchial tubes and nasal passages excited by germs that can only be destroyed by fragrant healing Catarrhones, which is breathed direct to the seat of the disease, and has never yet failed to cure. Pleasant to use, absolutely certain to cure. Catarrhones always gives satisfaction. "I suffered from nasal catarrh so badly that I couldn't breathe through my nostrils," writes G. E. Wilmot, of Meriden. I used Catarrhones for a few minutes and was relieved. It cured in a short time." No other remedy just like Catarrhones—it's the best. Two months' treatment \$1.00; trial size 25c.

Burton—Guess it was a case of love at first sight with Harry. At any rate, he kissed Martha the first time he met her.

West—That wasn't love; it was only extreme gallantry. Guess you never saw Martha.

WHY MOTHERS WORRY

Did you ever hear a mother worry over a plump child? There is no better bank of health for a child to draw from than a good supply of healthy flesh.

Scott's Emulsion not only gives a child weight and plumpness, but it feeds the brain, bones and nerves with strength and active power.

Fewer mothers worry if they knew more about Scott's Emulsion.

We'll send you a sample free upon request. SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Ont.

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See his display. He can please every taste. It will pay you to call at

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37 Doors West from Market, King Street

SCOURGE OF THE AGE IS KIDNEY DISEASE

Terrible Increase in the Number of Deaths From this Ailment

It is Common to All Classes and Conditions of People

It Creep Stealthily into the System and Develops into Many Diseases

Bright's Disease, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, and Rheumatism are Among the Forms it Takes.

Dodd's Kidney Pills the One Remedy That Never fails to Cure It, No Matter How or When it is Found.

Of all the diseases the human body has to combat in its struggle for health, the one that is steadily growing in strength and terror is Kidney Disease. Quietly, stealthily as a serpent, it creeps on its victim till the latter is enveloped in its folds, and the greatest physicians of the world has ever known and helpless before it. As the last fold goes around the struggling victim and the doctor shakes his head and whispers "Bright's Disease," hope fades to nothing, and the sorrowing friends feel that death is forced upon their loved one for its own.

The alarming increase this terrible disease is making is evidenced by the columns of almost every newspaper. For not among the lowly of the earth alone does it take its victims, but Statesmen, judges, eminent lawyers, and honored divines are numbered among those who in recent months have gone down to their graves with the full marks of this dread disease upon their bodies. In fact, so prevalent has the disease become that a celebrated New York specialist stated recently that not one person in a hundred was free from some taint of Kidney Disease.

WORKS IN SECRET. It is the scourge of Kidney Disease that makes it the more dreaded. One can fight an enemy in the open with some chance of success, but if he is lying in wait to take you at an unwary moment your chances of successfully fighting him are terribly diminished. So it is with Kidney Disease. Its first warnings are so faint as to be hardly noticeable, a slight pain in the back that is charged up to over exertion, a slight discoloration of the urine or a burning sensation while urinating attracts attention. That is all. But that means that Kidney Disease is at work gradually eating its way into your system. The pain in the back grows more severe, the urinary trouble more complicated, swellings under the eyes, rashes of the skin, the damage to the joints and muscles tell that Rheumatism has you in its grasp, or perhaps a day or two's illness leads to the calling of the doctor, and suddenly the terrible truth is forced upon you—Bright's Disease has you in its grasp.

WAY OF ESCAPE. With this silent, relentless enemy slowly but surely eating its way into prominence and marking that prominence by a yearly increase in the length of its teeth in the damage of the day of the hour, it "Shows us the way of escape." Nature never put mankind in a critical condition without providing a way of escape—providing mankind were wise enough to take the way provided. In this case the way of escape is a simple vegetable remedy. It has been before the people of Canada for thirteen years, and like all the great relievers of nature, has been first received and first appreciated by the lowly in life, those known as the common people of Canada.

Is it the common people of Canada who die of Bright's Disease? No, it is the bright and shining marks, those who are stationed above the heads of the masses. It is the doctors, the judges, the statesmen, the eminent lawyers, the great business men, the prominent men of the day. Go to the people who are practically exempt from Kidney Disease in its worst form, and ask them. With almost a single voice they will reply: "We cure our Kidney ailments with Dodd's Kidney Pills. It has given me a chance to develop into that terrible disease that carries so many prominent men into the grave."

ON WITH HIS WORK. And so it is; the man who does manual labor must heal his slightest aches or they hinder him in his work. When he has a backache he cures it with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work; when he feels a twinge of Rheumatism he drives it out of his body with Dodd's Kidney Pills—and goes on with his work. Necessity has taught him that he must cure his Kidneys to get rid of his pain, for he must work to live. He has not been educated to that standpoint where a prescription to cure must be written by a specialist at a cost of dollars to every letter. He may not even know that there never was a disease that took in all classes of the community but what nature provided a cure within the means of all classes of the community. What he does know is more to the point than this. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure all aches which experience has taught him come from the Kidneys. He takes Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work.

SOME EXCEPTIONS. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Even among common people there are those who neglect the early warnings of Kidney Disease. It takes exceptions to prove the rule—but many of these exceptions prove more—they prove that no case of Kidney Disease is too far gone for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Heart Disease—all the varied forms of Kidney Disease in its advanced stages—have been met by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and never once has Canada's great Kidney Remedy had to admit defeat.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay, Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, and wherever used they have triumphed over Kidney Disease in its every form. Thousands of Canadians are shouting their praises of the conqueror.

Just a few of those who have neglected the early symptoms, reached the more advanced stages of Kidney Disease, and found a cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills are given below. There are thousands of others. Ask in your own immediate neighborhood. You will not have to go far to meet men, women and children who have either warded off or cured the terror of the present age by using the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED. Bright's Disease has invariably yielded to a treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills, no matter how firm a hold it had secured on its victim. Possibly the most talked of case of recent date is that of Alice Maud Parker, of Shubencadie, Hants Co., N. S. The full story of this case will be found in the current number of Dodd's Magazine. Herewith a short statement from the young lady's mother is appended.

"My daughter pronounced my daughter's illness 'Bright's Disease,' and gave her up to die. Her eyelids swelled till she could hardly see, her legs from her ankles to her knees swelled. Her bit in health was twenty inches, when she was at her worst it was 48 inches. Then she gave up all other treatment and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. By the time she had taken the first box I saw a change. It took a long time to bring her back to perfect health, but Dodd's Kidney Pills did it. To-day my daughter is in perfect health."

Mrs. T. G. Parker, Shubencadie, Hants Co., N. S.

DIABETES CURED. Diabetes is another of the most fearful and fatal forms of Kidney Disease that has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and by no other medicine. Among the cures of this terrible ailment is Mr. Charles Gilchrist, for fifteen years Chief of Police of Port Hope, and afterwards for twenty-two years Fishery Overseer under the Dominion Government. He makes the following statement:

"I was a sufferer for ten years with Diabetes and Kidney Disorder. At times my urine was of a dark bricky color, and I would suffer something awful while passing. I tried doctors and medicines, but could get no relief. At last I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They have made me a new man. The citizens of Port Hope all know me, and can vouch for the above."

Chas. Gilchrist, Ex-Chief Constable and Fishery Overseer, Port Hope.

HEART DISEASE CURED. Heart Disease is a result of Kidney Disorder. Bad Kidneys mean impure blood, the action of impure blood on the heart causes Heart Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure it. I suffered for years with Heart Disease. Bright's Disease and Rheumatism. I was so feeble I was unable to do anything. There were three months I abandoned all medicines, and resolved to let myself die. Then I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the good the first box did me surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes in all, and all well of my Heart Disease, my Bright's Disease and my Rheumatism.

Dame Louis Provosts, St. Magloire, Que.

DROPSY CURED. Dropsy, another disease cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, is a result of diseased Kidneys failing to do their work and remove waste matter from the blood. It is another ailment Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure. Here is an example:

"I was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. In the mornings before I got out of bed I could hardly get my feet to the floor they were so much swollen from Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put on my coat. I had to be tapped to be relieved from my terrible pain. I tried the advice of my friends and started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I had finished the second box I felt much better. Seven boxes cured me completely. I don't know what it is to be sick since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills."

George Robertson, 392 St. James St., Montreal, Que.

RHEUMATISM CURED. Rheumatism and kindred Kidney Diseases, such as Lumbago, Sciatica, and Gout, are caused by uric acid in the blood. If the Kidneys are put in working order they strain all the uric acid out of the blood, and the Rheumatism goes with it. Take the case of W. G. Cragg, of Dresden, Ont. Here is his statement:

"For eight years I was troubled with Inflammatory Rheumatism. I could scarcely get around to do my duties in my store. I had some of the best doctors I could get, but nothing I tried would ever give me relief. I was also troubled with Gout. I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills and had only taken six boxes when I was completely cured."

W. G. Cragg, Ex-Reeve of Dresden, Ont.

ALL KIDNEY DISEASES CURED. There are only a few cases taken from thousands to show the efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills in advanced stages of Kidney Disease. In other forms of Kidney trouble, such as Urinary troubles, Gravel, Female Weakness, etc., Dodd's Kidney Pills have the same record. They always cure. As for Pain in the Back—the first symptoms of Kidney trouble—ask your friends. You will find the majority of them look on Pain in the Back as a danger signal, and on its first appearance safeguard themselves against this terribly fatal Kidney Disease by driving it away with the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Where the Jews Are. Prof. Haman of Basel, an authority on the subject, has lately printed a paper dealing with the geographical distribution of the Jews. He says the total number of Jews is 10,000,000 of whom two-thirds are in Europe. Russia has 5,500,000; Austria-Hungary, 1,800,000; Germany, 568,000; Roumania, 300,000; and Great Britain, 200,000. The United States has 1,000,000; Asia, has 250,000; Africa, 270,000, and Australia, 17,000. He says that not less than 200,000 Jews embraced the Christian religion in the nineteenth century.

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L. E. & D. R. R. HOLIDAY RATES, 1903-4.

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ELECTION CARDS To the Electorate of the city of Chatham: Ladies and Gentlemen, I am a candidate for the position of alderman and respectfully solicit your assistance and support of my candidature. W. H. TYE, M. D.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham. I am thankful to you for your liberal patronage in the past, and have decided to again offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1904. Soliciting your vote and influence, I am, Your Servant, JOHN N. EDMUNDSON.

To the Electors of Dover: I am a candidate for the position of Councilor for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. I have been a ratepayer in the Township for the past ten years, and if elected I promise to give close attention to the requirements of the Township and to practice economy in every way consistent with the best interests of the ratepayers. CALVERT HARPER, Con. 35, Lot 24.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am again a candidate for your suffrage for the position of Alderman for 1904, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Thanking you for past favors, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours truly, W. S. MARSHALL.

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Man and Wife Will do a wise thing to see DUNN & CHARTERIS about a joint policy in the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA, the premium on which will be only a trifle more than the cost would be on a single life. This would be a good Christmas gift to bestow on each other. See the agents at office over Meynell's, King St., or address P.O. Box 125, Chatham. AGENTS WANTED. J. P. DUNN F. W. CHARTERIS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received at the office of James Yates, Esq., secretary of the Building Committee, up till seven o'clock p. m., Wednesday, December 30th, 1903, for the several branches of works required in the erection and completion of a brick Methodist church to be erected at Goderich, County of Huron, Ont. Plans, specifications and details to be seen at the office of James Yates, Esq., Goderich, and at the offices of James L. Wilson & Son, Architects, Chatham, Ont. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Materials for building may be shipped by boat to Goderich. REV. GEO. DANIELS, Chairman. JAMES YATES, Esq., Secretary. JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Architects, Chatham, Ont. Chatham, Dec. 12, 1903.

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To the Electors of Harwich: Your vote and influence is respectfully requested to secure my election as Reeve of Harwich for 1904. CHAS. BUCHANAN.