

## The Planet.

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## HINT TO OUR ALDERMEN

Alderman Schilling, a citizen of Milwaukee, had the following bit of official sarcasm put on record at the last meeting of the Council in that city:

"Resolved, that a naphtha lamp be placed at Twenty-third and Hadley streets so that residents of that vicinity can see the electric lamp suspended there."

The resolution was referred to the committee on lighting.

How does this idea of applying the spur to negligent and tardy city employees strike such masters of sarcasm and irony as the aldermen of the city of Chatham?

## LIBEL SUIT EXPLODED

The Planet heartily congratulates its esteemed contemporary, the Windsor Record, on the successful and satisfactory outcome of the suit for alleged libel brought against it by one William Jennings, and tried at the sittings of the High Court at Sandwich last week.

The jury were out less than ten minutes and returned with a unanimous verdict in favor of the Record, while the foreman volunteered the statement that the newspaper was fully sustained on all points.

The verdict will be received with much satisfaction, not alone in the world of newspaperdom, but by the public at large. The article complained of was a report of the disorderly conduct of the plaintiff in a public matter on the seventh of August last. He asked the paper to retract and apologize, which it refused to do, stating that it "believed the facts justified the article and would stand pat." And the intelligent jury, after hearing the evidence, said the newspaper had fully established the truth of its contention.

While no newspaper should so far forget itself as to unwarrantedly transgress upon the rights and privileges of any individual - and the press of Canada has established for itself a splendid standard in this respect - yet every right-thinking and progressive journal realizes the duty it owes to the public it serves, and its obligation to supply all legitimate news in a full, prompt and accurate manner, without malice or prejudice and in good faith.

In so doing—as in the case of our Windsor contemporary—the newspaper is sometimes inevitably made the victim of a petty, frivolous and revengeful action, but the prompt justice meted out by the Essex jury will have a deterrent effect upon those who seek to escape the responsibility of their indiscretions in matters affecting the public interests by an unwarranted attack on the newspaper, which, in the performance of its duty to the public, gave them truthful publicity.

As the St. Johns, N. B., Telegraph said recently, at the conclusion of a suit of similar character in which the jury rendered the paper a verdict without leaving their seats, Canadian juries and Canadian justice can be relied upon to place the stamp of stern disapproval upon malicious and unwarranted actions against the Canadian press, and upon the pettifogging individuals who encourage and abet this course for the purpose of gaining for themselves a fleeting, and oftentimes discreditable, legal celebrity.

## EVERY INCH A KING

After three score years of rule by Victoria the Good, who reigned in the hearts rather than in the councils of the empire, it comes to the British people of the present generation as a surprise to find the firm hand of a King at the helm of affairs, asserting his prerogative and superintending the affairs of state.

Even in a constitutional monarchy the Sovereign looms large on the political stage when cabinet crises threaten Government interregnums, however brief.

In the case of Edward VII. it is quite apparent that His Majesty does not propose that "consulting the Sovereign" shall be a mere formality. Probably no public man in Britain to-day is more capable of judging of the abilities of Britain's public men and making valuable suggestions on cabinet material. As a man of affairs and a man of the world His Majesty is well fitted by long experience as an observer of public men in England to make the hitherto formal consultation with the Sovereign a source of inspiration and assistance, especially at a time when the interests of the whole empire turn upon a home issue as they never did before.

King Edward's pronounced success

## Rheumatism

Does not let go of you when you apply lotions or liniments. It simply loosens its hold for a while. Why? Because to get rid of it you must correct the acid condition of the blood on which it depends. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured thousands.

As a diplomatist since his accession to the throne has created a confidence in his tact and ability which will tend to assure the British public that the same tact and discretion will characterize his efforts in the delicate task of superintending cabinet making.

Come to think of it, this is the 48th day of the North Renfrew vacancy.

A gentleman from Pelee Island who was in town on Friday in speaking of the fisheries, says that not a Conservative on the Island has been allowed a fishing license and cannot put in a net, while the supporters of the Government have from 15 to 25 pound nets in the water. That is carrying partisanship altogether too far. It is but natural to suppose that Government supporters would be favored to some extent, but such extreme favoritism is enough to disgust any honest man with the administration.—Leamington Post, Independent Liberal.

## A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.

Ottawa Journal.

It would pay Mr. Chamberlain to make a visit to this country. Some people over in England and a few here would find out whether Canadians sympathize with his ideas or not.

## JUST THINK OF IT.

Ottawa Citizen.

The wheat crop of the Northwest this year is estimated at 63,000,000 bushels and valued at \$42,000,000. When you allow your imagination to toy with the fact that twenty-five years from now it will probably be about ten times as much there does not seem to be any reason why Canadians ought not to think that this is the finest proposition in the vigorous young nation line that has come down the pike of centuries.

—Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

## Local Briefs

Bicycles for hire at Brisco's. It Isaac Brown, of Blenheim, spent Friday in the city.

Fred. Cowan left Saturday night on a pleasure trip to Chicago.

Boy wanted, who lives near Queen street, to carry The Daily Planet.

Dressmaking by the day. Apply Miss Lalonde, Lansdowne avenue.

Hugh Murphy left to-day for Chicago, where he will spend a couple of weeks holidays.

Wanted, first class dress makers and apprentices. Apply Miss Ritchie, 72 Murray street.

The Art Culture Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. D. S. Patterson on Friday next at 8 p. m.

Wanted, good boy for trimming department. Apply Wm. Gray & Sons Company.

Arthur Cartier underwent a successful operation for appendicitis in St. Joseph's Hospital Friday.

Peter Shantz, of Preston, manufacturer, has been spending a few days in Chatham on business.

Architect A. M. Piper is preparing plans for additions and alterations to the Methodist church at Northwood.

Remember the Concert in St. Andrew's Church this evening at eight o'clock. Come and enjoy an excellent program.

Mrs. Archie McLarty and three children, of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. Frank Tschirhart, King street.

Barney Brett, spring maker at the Dowsley Spring & Axle Works, has gone to Galt to attend the marriage of his eldest daughter.

Eczema Resists Ordinary Treatment but is permanently cured by Weaver's Syrup and Weaver's Cerate. These remedies have been sold for many years and have cured thousands. They will cure you.

Oliver Richardson, who was sentenced to 15 years in penitentiary Friday for manslaughter at Sandwich, passed through the city on the International Limited on his way to serve the sentence.

Rondeau Service—On and after Wednesday, Sept. 30th, train leaves Chatham at 1 p. m., Blenheim 1.25 p. m., Leaves Rondeau at 3 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays until Oct. 31st.

Misses Annie Rae and Katie Himes, of Galt, are passengers on the Western excursion, on their way to Wabashburg, and spent a few hours in the city. They report that quite a large number came from the east.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen will hold a re-opening concert in their hall next Friday evening. They have had their lodge rooms handsomely refitted. The dedication ceremony will be held early in the evening and the concert will be given afterwards.

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

## THAMESVILLE

Sept. 26.—Mr. Carroll Scott spent a few days with friends in town this week.

Mr. John Kerr spent a few days in Toronto this week visiting his daughter, Miss Mary Kerr.

Mrs. Anderson, of London, is the guest of her son, Mr. Wm. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fye, of Clarksburg, are the guests of Mr. Robert Fye.

Dr. Currie was in Florence Wednesday attending the wedding of Dr. Kelly and Miss Mary Wilson, both of that place.

Dresden bowlers visited here Friday and were defeated by the home team by nine shots.

The Dresden lacrosse team played a friendly match here with the local lacrosse club yesterday and were defeated by a score of 5-1.

## TILBURY

Sept. 28.—Miss Mary Adair returned on Saturday from a visit with friends in Detroit.

Forty hours' devotion began in St. Francis R. C. church here yesterday morning.

Mr. Heath, of Chatham, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. A. Hornick, of Rosedale.

Mrs. W. J. Moffat spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Wyandotte, Mich.

A daughter of P. Labonte died on Friday of consumption after a lingering illness, and was buried yesterday morning in St. Francis cemetery.

George Richardson, who has been spending his vacation at his home here, returns to-day to resume his studies at Ann Arbor dental college.

Rev. Mr. Cobble, of Chatham, conducted very successful anniversary services in the Methodist church here yesterday. To-morrow a literary and religious entertainment will be given in the church.

Roy Struthers has returned to Detroit to resume his studies in a Detroit business college.

Miss Rena Scriven returned on Friday from an extended visit with relatives at Tilsonburg.

## DRESDEN

Sept. 28.—Mrs. Arthur Smith, Miss Hughes and Miss Mary Smith visited relatives at Kent Bridge Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. Steeper has returned Friday a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Allison, of Kent Bridge.

Chas. Wright spent Sunday at his home near Chatham.

Two rinks of Dresden bowlers visited Thamesville and Bothwell on Friday last and were defeated at both places. Losing in Thamesville by 7 points, and in Bothwell by the narrow margin of 1 point.

Mrs. Alex. Cuthbert, who has been visiting relatives at Dawn Mills for the past week, returned home yesterday.

Alex. McRitchie, of Port Lambton, was a Dresden visitor yesterday.

Albert Allison, of Kent Bridge, was in town yesterday.

Miss Ella McKim returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Dawn Mills.

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It is agreeable to be able to dissipate the idea which persons unacquainted with the ways of thunderstorms and of earthly electrical systems have lately been entertaining—that the municipality of electrical wires is causing an increase in the number of storms says an English change. The tendency is just the other way.

According to the simple explanation which Dr. Sowerby Wallis, the rainfall expert of Cambridge Square, gave the reason is this—The disruptive explosion in a thunderstorm is an effort on the part of nature to adjust the distribution of electricity between earth and sky. But just as a lightning conductor provides an easy passage for the electricity from sky to earth, so every bare wire acts as a conductor and helps dissipate the aerial electricity which would otherwise cause thunder.

The influence of the wires in London Dr. Wallis said, is very perceptible, so that with the ever extending system of telegraphs, telephones, and electric works thunderstorms should show a tendency to decrease.

But as to whether there are more or fewer storms than there were a few years ago Dr. Wallis pointed out that the question arises: What is a thunderstorm? Are one clap of thunder and one flash of lightning a storm? The meteorological method is to measure the rain, as heavy rain is a notable feature of thunderstorms.

"There occur in an irregular manner," said Dr. Wallis, "groups of years with frequent thunderstorms and groups with a marked absence of them. As far as I know, this cannot be ascribed to any specific cause. Storms are less frequent over towns than in the country, as the chimneys and steeples tend to prevent electrical explosions."

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