

The Chatham Daily Planet.

VOL. XV.

CHATHAM, ONT., WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 1906.

NO. 66

New Spring Coats

A recent shipment has completed our assortment of Ladies' New Covert Jackets for Spring. Correct styles, perfect tailoring, perfect fitting, natty in appearance, serviceable and useful. Made of extra qualities fawn covert cloths, lined and unlined, short tight fitting, semi cut and the new popular "Pony" styles.

7.50, 8.50, 10.00

New Tweed Dress Goods

The enormous sale we have had of the new grey Tweeds in plains and overchecks has made it a difficult matter to keep our stock fully assorted in these lines. A splendid assortment just arrived to-day has however again brought our stock to a state of perfection. Let us show them to you. Prices a yard are:—

85c, 1.00, 1.25

New Stock Collars

For the prettiest, daintiest, dressiest wash collars you have ever seen, come to this store. Our new assortment has just come in and we take great delight in showing them. Prices are each:—

25c, 35c, 50c.

NOTE.—Millinery Opening is on Wednesday of next week.

THOS. STONE & SON,
CARPETS AND WALL PAPERS

**ARE YOU
INTERESTED
IN
REDUCING COST
OF YOUR
FUEL BILL
AT
LEAST
25
PER CENT P**

READ THE FOLLOWING

Chatham, Ont., March 6, '06.
P. S. COATE, Esq.,
Manager Chatham Gas Co.
Chatham.

Dear Sir,—I have used Coke in my furnace for several seasons, and find it twenty-five per cent cheaper than hard coal. It has not damaged the fire pot and has proved satisfactory in every way. I can heartily recommend it.

Sincerely yours,

D. S. PATTERSON

Genuine Gas Coke will hereafter be sold and delivered at \$5.00 per ton, natural size, or \$5.50 per ton, crushed. There are as many heat units in a ton of Genuine Gas Coke as there are in the best quality of hard coal. Why not save the difference?

Chatham Gas Co.,
LIMITED.

SPRING AND EASTER SUITS

SHOULD BE ORDERED NOW

We have the goods—the latest patterns—Imported and Domestic Cloths, and the best selections we have ever been able to offer.

If you want a Suit that has the style, the fit, the quality, and also has that "something" about it that distinguishes it from the ordinary tailor-made suit and at the same time does not cost too much, come and see us, we have just what you want.

Call and see us in our new and up-to-date store.

The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited

ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

CITY ASSESSOR THOMAS FRENCH

POINTS OUT A FEW CITY HOMES

WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSED UP

Assessors in Their Rounds Get Some Pointers Which Will be of Service to the Board of Health—Some Houses Have Not Been Cleaned Since the Last Assessment—Conditions in Some Houses Very Unsanitary Authorities Should Lose no Time in Making a Thorough Inspection

Apparently the filthy and unsanitary conditions existing in some of the more remote portions of the city are almost so disgraceful as to be beyond the belief of the citizen who has not occasion to visit some of these places. Some houses in the city, it is said, are not in fit condition for tenants to live in, let alone human beings.

With a view to ascertaining just how much truth there is in the alleged state of certain city dwellings, The Planet yesterday afternoon interviewed Assessor French, whose duties take him into every house in the city.

"Yes," said Mr. French in reply to the reporter's query, "it is quite true that there are dwellings in Chatham that from a sanitary standpoint, are not fit to be inhabited by human beings. We have just finished Ward 4, and I might say that in my nine years' experience as an assessor, I have never seen as much filth and dirt as there is in that locality at the present time. I would like to call your attention to a few places in particular."

"We visited one house on King street east, which was in a very filthy and dilapidated condition. The house now leans over at an angle of forty-five degrees, and has sunken so much on one side that it was impossible for us to get in at the

front door. We went around to the back, and gained entrance through the back door, where, by stooping low, we managed to get in. It was a mild day, and the stench inside that house was something terrible. After being in the house for some time, one's clothes became permeated with the vile odors, and it takes one some time to free one's nostrils from the stench. At this house there were two families living in one room. They were all huddled around one stove, and the filth was such that we dared not sit down."

"Another house on Duke street, owned by a Toronto man, is equally as unclean and unsanitary. It is also occupied by two families. This house has been noted for its filth for many years, but the state of affairs existing this year beats everything yet. When we had gained entrance by the rear door, we were confronted by a vicious dog, but we fought our way through and managed to get to the inside. We found the house to be occupied by a lot of unclean children, chickens and dogs. The chickens were wandering about the floor, picking up the crumbs which were dropped by the children and the dogs. The parents of the children were evidently out for the day."

"Further up King street we ran across another filthy house. This

house is situated near the P. M. tracks. In this house five or six half-grown children were huddled about a stove. They were not properly clad, and were munching at a loaf of bread, while a half-starved dog looked on.

"On Wellington street, next to Mrs. Walton Penny's stands another of these unclean houses. It is so filthy that it is a menace to health to live near it. It is a disgrace to any community. The front door has never been locked at any time to my knowledge, and when we called this time we found the same old dirty beds, the same old dirty dishes and the same old dirty floors as were there the last time we called there. They apparently were not washed since the last time we called."

"Colborne street has another of these dirty places. It is a double house, and has always been noted for its filth. This year it was worse than ever."

"These are but a few of the many houses in the city in an unsanitary condition which the assessors can mention. Mr. French says that under existing circumstances, he cannot understand how it is that contagious disease of some vile order does not break out in these localities."

The assessors have finished Wards 1, 2, 4 and 5, and have only Ward 3 to finish up now. They have much office work ahead of them, however.

MADE A GREAT HIT

Kolb and Dill Provide Sid Splitting Humor for a Large Crowd at the Grand

Kolb and Dill made a great hit at the Grand last evening in their famous travesty on Labor Unions and Trusts, entitled "I. O. U."

These inimitable Dutch comedians fairly convulsed the audience with laughter, and are certainly unique in their characters and humor. Although the piece is more of a comedy than a musical play, it contains some very interesting and catchy numbers, of which "The Little Tin Can" and "My Maori Maid" deserve special mention.

The gorgeous costumes and magnificent light effects add considerably in making the drills and dances of the chorus a huge success. "The Labor Parade," "The Maori Dance" and "The Circus Parade" are three brilliant mass movements of dazzling splendor, and last night the large audience called enthusiastically for encores.

Altogether "I. O. U." is easily the funniest rollicking comedy that has played Chatham this season, and the thanks of the Grand patrons are due to Mr. Briscoe for securing such a splendid show.

"Under Southern Skies," which is making such a big success all over the continent, is the next splendid attraction, and will be here to-morrow night.

ECHOES FROM THE PRESS

All speak of Under Southern Skies, which plays at Chatham to-morrow night.

"The authoress has caught the atmosphere of the South as cleverly as she did the Yankee spirit in 'Way Down East.'—N. Y. World.

"An artistic and popular success."—N. Y. Mail and Express.

"The author's creations were graphic."—N. Y. Sun.

"Greeted with full houses."—Boston Globe.

"A play that has made a success."—Boston Herald.

"A story of unusual interest."—Providence Journal.

"The audience was delighted."—Philadelphia Press.

"The house was packed to the doors."—Chicago Chronicle.

"Is a transcript of real life."—Cleveland Leader.

"It has stood the supreme test—the box office."—Toronto World.

"The play pleased enormously."—Washington Post.

"The play has humor and pathos."—Buffalo Courier.

"Unusually picturesque and pleasing."—Chicago Tribune.

"The play seemed deeply to interest the large audience."—Baltimore American.

"Two big audiences—the story a pleasing one."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"A realistic picture of Southern romance."—Pittsburgh Despatch.

It pours the oil of life into your system. It warms you up and starts the life blood circulating. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

A. I. McCall & Co.

MR. WHEELER

MAKES REPLY

Points Out a Few Straight Facts to Joseph Jubinville

THE FISHING QUESTION

The following letter from Caleb Wheeler, in reference to the fish question, is self-explanatory:

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Replying to a letter, signed by Joseph Jubinville, in the Banner, in which he complains of the Thames River officers examining a car of fish shipped from Jeannette's Creek to Buffalo; I can assure Mr. Jubinville, and all the Lake St. Clair fishermen, that the people have no confidence in the present system of inspection at any point of shipment from Lake St. Clair. Mr. Jubinville may remember a case in point that happened last spring. A fisherman named Jubinville, shipping some boxes of fish at Jeannette's Creek station. One box dropped on the platform at any point of shipment, and a couple of green bugs fell out. Complaint was duly made, and when the trial took place the two men, who were perfectly competent witnesses, swore that the fish that came out of the box were green bass, but four fishermen, Mr. Jubinville one of them, swore that the fish were rock bass, and so the case was dismissed. Illegal shipments can only be partly stopped even by examination in transit. The officers in London are duly appointed by the Ontario Government, and I can assure Mr. Jubinville and all other fishermen on Lake St. Clair that the only way to avoid loss is to not ship any fish forbidden by law. I wish to call the attention of Mr. Jubinville and his friends to the evidence published every day during the past week in the Globe and Mail, taken before the Government Commission, and they will see how fishermen all over Ontario are doing what the fishermen on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie and River Thames are busy at depleting the waters—robbing the people of what a kind Providence gave them. Take an illustration. The Government keeps a fish hatchery at Sandwich at a very large cost, to hatch mostly pickered fry, and at the same time the seines are busy night and day in the River Thames catching the parent fish, while on their way to the spawning grounds above Chatham. As a prominent officer said to me a short time ago, the whole fish business is wrong and will be revised and the people given their rights as soon as it can be looked into.

All citizens should take an active interest in this matter. If the present conditions were allowed to continue, in at most two or three years it will be too late. The people's food and the people's sport, as far as their fish are concerned, will be gone.

Very respectfully,

CALB WHEELER.

Have you pains in the back, inflammation of any kind, rheumatism, fainting spells, indigestion or constipation. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes you well, keeps you well. 35 cents.

A. I. McCall & Co.

WALLPAPER

The exceptional beauty of our new designs and colorings, the vastness of our stock and the rare opportunity for selection afforded by our large list of qualities and prices combine to inspire confidence in the fact that there is only place to buy Wallpapers in Chatham. Come to the store with the stock.

ROOM MOULDING

In every grade and shade to match all paper and walls, from Oak at 2c. per foot to fine gilt and enameled. Never did we show such a beautiful range. Come to the store with the stock.

WINDOW BLINDS

Every color known to modern blind makers in every width and size furnished on shortest notice. We only keep good blinds here—discarded all rubbish. Come to the store with the stock.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and Sixth Streets...

AMUSEMENTS

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, March 22.

THE GREAT SUCCESS

Under Southern Skies

Written by Lottie Blair Parker, author "Way Down East." A play that will live forever. The most original, unhackneyed and diverting play of Southern life ever written.

27-REMARKABLE CAST-27

Massive production complete in every detail. Over two million people have seen this play. Prices—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Seats on sale Wednesday.

The Lucky Guesses 2,221 and 2,199

Mr. W. E. Smith, who counted the slips of paper in our Guessing Contest, found the dish to contain 2,218 pieces.

Miss Mamie Pritchard, Head St., guessed 2,221 and won the \$3.50 Shoes.

The school children's prize of a \$2.00 pair of Shoes was won by Master Percy Gray, Grey St., on a guess of 2,199.

Wm. Somerville & Son
4 Doors West of Market

Poverty is the test of civility and the touchstone of friendship.

Men in public life are apt to exaggerate the importance of their stand.