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Chatham, August 22, 1903.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.

I am once more on the banks of the Thames, a few miles from the scene of the final struggle in the ill starred expedition of Proctor, when nearly a hundred years ago Tecumseh and his braves rendered their names illustrious. When I was here last there was drawn up on the opposite bank of the river the hull of one of the British Gunboats, which had been burnt to the water's edge to prevent its capture by the victorious Americans. I am told it was sold to an enterprising firm to be made into canes and ornaments as souvenirs of the struggles of the past. The hull of the other gunboat still lies at the bottom of the river to await a like resurrection and transformation should there prove to be money enough in the venture.

Many changes have taken place since those stirring days; only by an effort of the imagination can we think of the present county as a solid forest resounding with the Indian war whoop but through all the changes of men and all the transformation of the country, Chatham still retains its reputation as the land of mud. A history might be written recording the struggles to overcome its power. There was the primitive corduroy, then the closely laid plank road, then the gravel, followed by Macadam, pressed down by steam rollers, but the corduroy and plank rotted and gravel and macadam were swallowed up in the hungry mow of the deep mud, which, like the kine of old time, was hungry as ever. Still human device struggled for a remedy and in turn cedar blocks, asphalt, cobble stones, etc., were tried, but all in vain—the crossings over those streets were such as the waves of the August Sea never produced. For a time, indeed, it seemed as if citizens and aidmen were resigning themselves in grim despair to the inevitable. But of late years the hope has been awakened that even Chatham streets may be made passable—the process of renovation is to dig out the present street to the depth of a foot or more—lay in this bed a thick flooring of cement and then place on top of that a pavement of vitrified brick cemented together with asphalt. So far it seems as if at last success were to crown their efforts though not without a heavy load being laid on the taxpayer, but so fearful were the former conditions that the high rates scarcely provoke a grumble.

As if encouraged by the renovation of the streets, the merchants have all of a sudden awakened to the desirability of beautifying their buildings. A great improvement in architecture is noticeable during the last few years. Things have changed since the disreputable "Pork Row" used to grace the centre of the town, and now plate glass and artistic front decoration testify that Chatham has at last awakened to the consciousness that it is no longer a country town but one of the rising cities of the Dominion.

HELD UP WITHOUT PISTOLS.

Speaking of the old days in Chatham, a very amusing story is told in connection with the visit of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales in 1860, which by the way may have been less amusing to the original actors than to the present readers. It seems that the design was that the Prince should proceed from Detroit without stop to London, but on the pressing invitation of the citizens of Chatham he arranged to stop to be presented with a pair of Derringer pistols. The changed program was everywhere announced, and Chatham and the surrounding country turned out, as was estimated, to the number of twenty thousand. In due time the royal train arrived and the Prince appeared. The orator on the platform with his address in his pocket felt his heart beat as if the chance of his life had come. Mayor and aldermen strutted about with all the weight of dignity they could carry. There were brief introductions—hearty cheers from the crowd, then a pause—a painful pause—but the orator never drew out his speech, for why! it was discovered at the last moment that no pistols were there to present. Each looked on the other till too said the train and the Prince was gone. The Chatham Planet of that date declares that "the Prince of Wales was, no doubt, fully ten minutes standing on the platform of the Royal car awaiting the pistols and at last was compelled to go away without them." Who was responsible for this fiasco it is hard to say, though it seems to have been the result of jealousies regarding the places of honor for the occasion, but if rumor is to be believed it was thought a very funny thing by His Royal Highness, who is said on a recent occasion to have recalled the incident to a Canadian representative as one of the amusing incidents of royal travelling.

DITCHING AND CEMENT.

The country around is steadily advancing, new difficulties arising with every step of progress. It is a long time since we, as boys, used to listen to our genial neighbor, Mr. John Kerr, and my father evening after evening discuss "draining of the creeks." The initiative in this movement was taken by the Sanfield McDonald Government in 1870 and the work of digging began a year later. Already the ditch making has outgrown the furthest reach of imagination indulged in in those nightly discussions. Drains have grown almost to the dimensions of corals, and with the growth has come a

corresponding development in the tools used in digging, till now not only pick and spade but even the plow and scraper are being superseded. For the larger drains the present digger is a steam dredge which runs on track laid in the bottom of the drain, which cuts its way through, casting up a mound to the right and to the left.

A serious difficulty is presenting itself as to the supply of materials for the many bridges required. Till lately the material invariably used was wood, but present prices rule that out of the question. A few larger bridges were constructed with abutments of stone, which was imported from Amherstburg, and girders of steel, but the stone proved very expensive. At present the materials in general use are cement and steel. For smaller culverts tiles from one to three feet in diameter are being put in, while for the larger spans the abutments are made of cement and the space spanned with steel girders. The question as to whether plank, or cement with a netting of wire through its centre, is the better for the flooring is still under discussion with the probability of the preference being ultimately for the cement. Thus there is every prospect of a steadily increasing demand for cement from all this region. Perhaps it may surprise you to hear it, but in the circles in which I have been moving, Durham cement is practically unknown, while the opinion is general that all Canadian brands are inferior to the American. Inquiry at the custom house elicits the information that notwithstanding all the new mills that are at work, the stream of importation is as large as ever.

CROPS AND FRUIT.

Crops in this section are, on the whole, good though the cold rainy season has proved unfavorable for corn. The section known as the "plains," which a few years ago was drained by a system of pumping, is the admiration of every visitor: On this land, where formerly the mosquito pealed out shrill treble to the accompaniment of the deep bass of the frog, are now waving fields of oats and corn. An enterprising farmer has introduced into this land the culture of the peach, and prides himself this season in the possession of thirteen hundred trees, all laden with the luscious fruit. In this "plains land" everything is on a large scale. There are large ditches, large pumps, large fields, large corn stalks, large orchards, large weeds, and we may add large talk, and yet the latter is in a measure excusable when talk and schemes are crowned with success.

RAILWAYS.

As railway matters are up for consideration at present it may be interesting to note the immense difference a level road and straight track make to the haulage power of an engine. The other day I counted seventy nine cars after one engine, and a thoroughly reliable informant tells me that as many as one hundred and nine cars have been counted in one train. Of course the engines are heavy, but you could not imagine the largest engine taking such a load over our track.

But I have already written at too great a length—permit me to say that I have had a fine holiday, made all the more delightful by my finding a goodly number of ministers at their work, their holiday being over at an earlier date, thus giving the opportunity of both seeing and hearing them.

Ever yours,

WM. FARQUHARSON.

Cow Estray.

STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES of the undersigned on or about Sunday, Aug. 10th, a red cow, horns turned in, giving milk at time of leaving. Any person giving information that will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.

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Aug. 24th—3.



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WEAKNESS

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