

## The Planet

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## A CABINET OF WEATHERCOCKS.

The new Liberal leaders don't seem to know their own minds 24 hours. Hon. Mr. Fielding now announces with a flourish of trumpets that he has secured a branch mint for Canada. Yet he made a speech against a mint in Parliament on May 15, 1899. Here are a few gems from Mr. Fielding's speech of that day (Hansard, pages 3,112 and 3,113):

"I am well within the mark when I say that a well equipped mint would turn out in one month all the copper and silver coins required in Canada in the whole year, so that we would have an establishment with one month's work and eleven months' idleness."

"Were we to adopt this policy we would lose a considerable part of the profit we are now enjoying"—that is the profit out of the coinage.

"Were we to convert all our gold into coins we would find that we had no use for it."

"There is no profit in the minting of gold."

"Not only is there no profit, but there would be absolute loss."

"It would be a waste of money to have a Canadian mint."

After all this Mr. Fielding's campaign talk about a mint sounds silly.

## THE CHURCHES AND THE POOR.

A common charge against the churches is that they are exclusive—that they do not extend a welcome to the poor. In order to test the justice of this charge the Montreal Herald had a number of poor children reporters go to church last Sunday and report their experiences. Without an exception, they were cordially welcomed and treated with ever courtesy.

We believe that such a test in Chatham would have the same result. It is untrue that the poor are not welcomed to the churches. When a poor person makes that statement as an excuse for staying away from church, the probability is that that person would not go to church if he were wealthy. He would then find some other excuse.

But there are good reasons why poor people stay from church. One reason is their disinclination to go poorly clad into an assembly where they would be conspicuous on that account. This may be a weakness; it may be false pride; and yet it is not far removed from wholesome self-respect. No matter how warm a welcome may be extended to a person whose garments betray poverty, he will, if sensitive, feel the contrast between his appearance and that of the people about him, and the sense of humiliation will prevent him from receiving as much benefit from the service as he would receive if his mind were at ease.

## CATHOLIC CANDIDATES.

Hon. James Sutherland's letter deprecating the nomination of Roman Catholics cannot be sympathized. It was received by Thomas Mulvey, of Toronto, but it seems that since its contents have leaked out neither Mr. Mulvey nor Mr. Sutherland will consent to its publication. However, Roman Catholics everywhere are demanding the production of the document. They want to see just how the most influential member from Ontario in Premier Laurier's cabinet regards his Roman Catholic fellow politicians. The Irish Canadian voices the opinion of Catholics generally when it says:

"We agreed with the view taken by The World that a letter of this character should be laid before the entire Catholic electorate for their judgment. Assuming the truth of Mr. Mulvey's statement (which we have heard questioned) that there was no dissent at the meeting to which he refers from the view of Major Sutherland's letter expressed by him, what right have any comparatively small number of gentlemen, be they who they may, to sit in judgment upon a matter so vitally affecting Catholic interests at large, and then to ask the Catholic people generally to accept such judgment as final and satisfactory? Every Catholic has a right to know for himself what Mr. Sutherland said and to judge for himself what Mr. Sutherland meant. Let the letter speak for itself."

## THREE RESOLUTIONS.

There are three resolutions which we would like every farmer in Canada to read. The first of them is as follows:

"That it is advisable that a customs arrangement be effected between the United Kingdom and the colonies, by which the trade within the Empire may be placed upon a more favorable footing than that which is carried on with foreign countries."

Is there anything wrong with that resolution? Would any Canadian farmer vote against it? We don't think so. Yet every Liberal member of Parliament voted against it.

The second resolution that we ask the farmers of Canada to read is the following:

"That this House is of opinion that a system of mutual trade preference between Great Britain and Ireland and the colonies would certainly stimulate increased production in and commerce between their countries, and would thus promote and maintain the unity of the Empire, and that no

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measure of preference that falls short of the complete realization of such a policy should be considered as final or satisfactory."

How many Canadian farmers would vote against that resolution? Yet every Liberal member of Parliament voted against it.

The third resolution to which we wish to call attention reads as follows:

"That it is the duty of the Government of Canada, by all means in its power, and as soon as it is possible to do so, to get preferential treatment in the markets of Great Britain."

What do the farmers think of this resolution? Would not every farmer in Canada like to have preferential treatment for his products in the markets of Great Britain? Can any farmer find an excuse for the Liberal members of Parliament, every one of whom voted against that resolution?

Fancy loyal citizens voting for Tarte via George Stephens.

A vote for Stephens is a vote for Tarte, Burden, Blair, Sifton, and Cartwright.

Have you been promised a customs outpost yet? If not, why not? Get one while they're going.

Are you a new Liberal or an old Liberal? If you are a new Liberal your place is with Stephens and Tarte.

The poor Binner is getting badly muddled on prices. It would show more wisdom to stick to its "plate" editorials from Toronto.

Will Premier Ross draw his salary from this province for the time he is neglecting its affairs and stumping in the Dominion elections?

The Montreal Witness (Liberal) says: "Mr. Charlton's criticism of the Liberal Government is, we think, a fair and moderate one."

If you vote for Stephens you vote for Borden and make yourself an accessory after the fact to the dog biscuit crime against the lives of the boys on the veldt.

Bannery, old boy, you may argue but you cannot fool the people. They are buying the goods every day and it is to be presumed they know what they are paying for them.

It is bad enough to have traitors in a country; but it is the height of absurdity to put them into high places. Hamilton Spectator.

Which reminds us that Ald Stephens has never repudiated his leader, Tarte.

A cablegram has been received by the department of agriculture from their agent at Manchester, saying that the trial shipment of grapes made by the Dominion government, has been delivered in good condition at Manchester. The grapes were sold by public auction, and while the prices obtained were not large, it is hoped that the good condition in which the

## MAL-NUTRITION.

You may or may not be eating enough; and are thin.

You may or may not feel well

—some folks don't know what it is to feel well.

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grapes landed will lead to the opening up of a trade with Great Britain in Canadian grapes of fine quality.

Sir William Van Horne, formerly president of the Canadian Pacific railway, has bought out the whole of the railways in Cuba, and will operate them under a big syndicate.

At the very last moment the government are trying to square things with the Roman Catholics by appointing a number of them to office. They deserve little thanks. They are not rendering justice for justice's sake, but because they are panic-stricken.

Formerly you could send a letter weighing an ounce for three cents. Mr. Mulock raised the cost to four cents. At the same time he provided that a letter weighing not more than half an ounce could go for two cents. This was a boon to the business men who daily wrote many short letters, on typewriters, which weighed very little.

But it was increasing the postage of private citizens or farmers who only wrote occasionally to their friends and then at length with pen and ink. The result of this change, together with the loss incident on allowing Cartwright to use the mails free to the extent of many thousands of dollars, is an annual deficit of \$300,000. Mr. Mulock is quite a statesman.

We think the ladies of the W. C. T. U. must have misunderstood the crown attorney regarding the delivery of Sunday papers being an offence. Any fourth-rate lawyer could tell them it is not, so long as the contract, purchase and payment is made on a week day.

A news vendor has the same right to deliver a paper on Sunday as a milkman has to deliver milk. But if he makes a sale on the Lord's Day he brings himself within the law. This question has been threshed out in the courts so fully that it got beyond the realm of doubt years ago.

Out of a long list of groceries which have advanced in price the Banner picks one little item and raises an argument over it, and here is the argument: The Planet, of Tuesday, says: "Formerly the best raisins sold at 3 and 4 pounds for a quarter. Now they are two for 25 cents." And in the same issue it permits a well known grocery firm to so well know its own business as to advertise new selected raisins ten cents.

Somebody should quietly tell the genius who penned that thunderbolt that there are more quantities of raisins than one. The Planet in making its comparisons throughout has been absolutely fair. It has taken the same grades in every case. In the matter of raisins the prices referred to the best. Anybody can test the Planet's figures by stepping into the nearest grocery.

We challenge the Banner to do it, but then, "shaww!" What is the use of challenging the Banner, it always crawls in its hole?

KLONDIKE HAS AN EQUITABLE CLIMATE.

New York Herald.

An illusion in the minds of the ill informed is that the climate of the Klondike is such as to make life endurable. The fact is that the winter from November to March is no harder than in the northern part of New York, Minnesota or Wisconsin, and better than the blizzard stricken States farther west, on account of the small snowfall. While it is true that the thermometer will go as low as 40 degrees below for four or five days during the winter, the weather is uniformly comfortable enough to allow outdoor mining operations during the entire winter season. The spring, summer, and fall are distinct, with an ideal climate.

THE CANDIDATE WILL PROMISE EVEN CUSTOMS OUTPOSTS.

Washington Star.

I'll promise you sunshine, I'll promise you rain;

I'll promise you fabulous prices for grain;

I'll promise you music by day and by night;

I'll promise you beauty and sweetness and light.

Let's look to the future and ponder no more

On the numerous things I have promised before;

'Twas mentioned when first my career I began.

I am an exceedingly promising man. I will flatter your fancy and nourish your schemes

With limitless wealth from the mint of my dreams.

Come pledge me a vote ere I part from the place,

And I'll fling you a promise with prodigal grace!

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## THE WOMEN OF FRANCE.

The Powerful Influence They Have Exercised in Politics and Society.

At all times, in France, women have exercised potent influence, politically, socially and sentimentally. The country of Jeanne d'Arc has never lacked heroines and martyrs. During the reigns of Catherine de Medici's miserable sons, their Italian mother, by her absolute cruel and narrow-minded policy, plunged the country into the horrors of St. Bartholomew, which were equally shared by the crosses of the Reign of Terror. During the corrupt reigns of Louis XIV. and Louis XV. the influence of women at Court and therefore all over France, was paramount and entirely pernicious to the welfare of the people.

Women in all ages have matched the men, so as noble aspirations, unselfishness, love of justice and right were a discount among the women who covered the courts of the licentious Bourbons, where the debauchery and depravity were unparalleled since the era of Tiberius and Commodus, the throngs of titled courtiers were joined their royal and aristocratic lovers in spending the revenues exacted from the miserable peasants with tears of blood, until similar tears were extorted from them in turn by the revolution they originated.

Many generations of bad government by kings, courtiers and courtesans, the oppressions of the rich clergy and nobles who monopolized all that was worth having in the State, and exacted their taxes and exorbitant fines from those who had nothing left to tax, culminated in the intense misery of the years immediately preceding 1789, the first year of deliverance, and bred in the hearts of the victims a fierce love of the principles of liberty, and an overwhelming desire for its immediate fruition. In 1789 women of all classes threw themselves with ardor into the great revolutionary movement, and by their burning enthusiasm intensified the zeal of the men and urged them on to heroic deeds of self-sacrifice and duty to suffering humanity.

Women of noble and unselfish ideals such as Mme. Roland, or of stainless life and character like Charlotte Corday, or the fascinating, fearless, unhappy Therese de Mericourt, the heroine of the women's march to Versailles, the women of the people full of hate and desire of vengeance, who crowded around the guillotine in 1793, uttering ferocious shouts and counting with exultation the ghastly heads as they fell before the axe of Sanson, were one and all animated by the same passionate love of liberty, the mother of all virtues. All were ready to sacrifice their lives gladly for freedom conscious of the righteousness of their cause and of its ultimate triumph.

Many unthinking superficial people even now who have never known what it is to suffer and be despoiled to support the luxury and vice of tyrants while shuddering at the excesses of the Reign of Terror, entirely ignore the causes of the sanguinary deeds which stand forth so luridly. They do not realize that nothing but a terrible baptism of blood could have regenerated such a corrupt country and purged it from its grossness and selfish indifference to wrong-doing. It was civil war in another form. When the day of vengeance came, how was it that the women seemed more ferocious than the men? The answer is very simple. They had suffered more, and "Great miseries are always ferocious."—Belgravia.

## Died of a Broken Heart.

In the old days, when the practice of medicine was according to a lot of illogical empirical notions, "broken heart" was often set down as causing death. Later, in the youth of medical science, it was declared that there was no such thing as heartbreak, and it is not so many years even now since the doctors found out that excessive emotion does, sometimes, actually cause rupture of the marvelous muscular tissue of the human body, sends the life blood coursing and pulsating through every artery of the entire system. It seems to be agreed by doctors that Mrs. Agnes Wolf, of Brooklyn, died of broken heart, and that the woman seemed more ferocious than the men? The answer is very simple. They had suffered more, and "Great miseries are always ferocious."—Belgravia.

One of the saddest deaths that might properly be spoken of as due to a broken heart occurred on September 1, ten years ago, in Cadix, O. The victim was Miss Alice McBride, a young and exceedingly intelligent girl of a rather nervous temperament. She was engaged to marry James Nash, a young man who was given to joking. On the Saturday evening prior to his sweetheart's death young Nash called upon her, according to his weekly custom. During the entire evening he allowed his rather clumsy wit full play. When he was ready to go, after kissing the girl good-night, he turned suddenly, and said:

"Well, Alice, I guess I won't come to see you again. We've had a good time playing engaged, haven't we? We'll be friends all our lives now, but that's all."

Alice looked searchingly in his face, and then she took to the floor in a spasmodic dying in thirty-six hours.—New York Press.

## Losing the Temper.

Losing the temper takes all the sweet, pure feeling out of life. You may get up in the morning with a clean heart, full of song, and start out as happy as a bird, and the moment you are crossed and you give way to your temper, the clean feeling vanishes and a load as heavy as lead is rained upon the heart, and you go through the rest of the day feeling like a sulphur.

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