

The Planet

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THE BONUSING EVIL.

Several Ontario municipalities are asking the legislature to suspend the operation of the whole law preventing the giving of bonuses as a bait to manufacturing concerns, that they may bribe certain institutions to change their location. It is to be hoped that the legislature will firmly refuse to do anything of the sort, and it will be the duty of the opposition, to a man, to protest against any such suspension of one of the few good laws on the Ontario statute book. It is simply nonsense to pass laws which meet with the approval of the whole people, and then render them inoperative by suspending them in the interests of some locality. Either the law should be rigidly enforced, or it should be wiped out. Special privileges should be given to no municipality. Let the legislature once and forever put its foot firmly down on the municipal bonus business, and put an end to bonus hunting and the stealing of industries from one municipality to another. Bonus free manufacturing concerns will be able to help themselves, and special regulations for bonus hunters should not be permitted in any case.

RUN ON THE CHEAP.

The average attendance at Windsor schools is 164 and for Chatham 1308. This shows a difference of 376 in favor of Windsor, and possibly accounts for the difference in cost of the schools in the two places.—Windsor Record.

Some people have an idea that the difference is due to the parsimony of the Chatham board. However, those kind of people are probably prejudiced. They think its teachers, though quite as capable as those of Windsor, are not remunerated nearly as well. The principals of its large ten and twelve room schools receive the municipal salary of \$800 and \$850 each. To save a couple of additional teachers, these principals, who should be devoting their time to the whole school, are given rooms of their own to teach, and thus nailed down. What factory of the proportion of one of this city's largest schools would require its manager to devote his time exclusively to the management of one of its departments, so as to save the wages of a regular foreman? Yet this is what we do in our schools. An underpaid principal, or in fact, any other kind, cannot do his own room, justice and supervise the teaching in the other rooms as well. Yet that is what he is called upon to perform here to save the expense of a couple of extra \$400 a year teachers.

This, of course, is only what people say. As for this great family journal, it doesn't profess to know any more about school affairs than the school board so has no opinion to express on the subject of "economy" which seems to be practiced here to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The Lord Mayor of London has decided to emulate the example of the Lord Mayor of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and hoist the Irish flag on St. Patrick's day.

There is a bill before the legislature to permit municipalities, if they so desire, to elect their councils for two years at a time. It has been allowed to stand to see how the public feel on the subject.

Will not some patriotic Celt furnish Mayor Smith with an Irish flag to hoist on the city buildings on the 17th of March? Are we going to let such places as London, England, and Hamilton, Wentworth county, get ahead of this great western metropolis?

As a producer of smallpox the State of Michigan seems to have no rival. The disease is continually breaking out in different parts of Ontario, and in every instance it is traceable to Michigan. At the present time in Hinds county, that state, over one hundred cases of small pox are said to exist. There must be something radically wrong with Michigan's sanitary regulations.

The Ontario law against corruption should be made to reach those who subscribe the funds to pay for the dirty work. An ordinary election can be legitimately run in this country for from \$200 to \$300. When an otherwise respectable citizen helps to "boost" an election fund up higher than that should be sufficient to clap him with the "gang" and the law should hold him in the Central prison as well as the rest. If we are going to have a better act than the present one let it be made wide enough to take in all offenders.

"It may be that the opposition is weak, in that it would overlook its friends the crime which it condemns in the record of its enemies. No improvement can be effected in politics unless the country forms the sound habit of punishing the sins of the government regardless of the faults of the opposition."—Toronto Telegram.

If the electors made a practice of kicking out governments who did wrong, oppositions who succeeded to office would take precious good care not to risk their political lives by indulging in the same offenses.

"A Cheerful Look Makes a Dish a Feast."

"Cheerful looks" depend just as much upon physical well-being as upon natural disposition and temperament. If the blood is disordered, the brain is starved, and no "dish is a feast," for the reason that the vitalizing elements do not reach the proper spot.

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CALL FOR CO-OPERATION.

Toronto World.

If no other means can be found to place the coal oil trade where it was before the Standard Oil people monopolized it, the government, or the people, through co-operation, ought to establish an independent refinery. Feasts and monopolies are bad enough when controlled by Canadians, but when in the hands of foreigners they become unbearable.

GREENWAY'S LEGACY.

The Mail.

The Ontario surplus is confessed to have been a myth.

A somewhat similar state of affairs has been discovered in Manitoba. This is what Mr. Greenway left behind him:

Bonded indebtedness, \$2,500,000.
Drainage debentures, \$300,000.
Unpaid railway subsidies, \$118,000.
Bank overdrafts, \$100,000.
Unpaid election expenses, \$30,000.
Federal subsidy used to replace trust funds, \$240,000.
Railway bonds unsecured owing to release of lands held as security, \$300,000.

And all this in spite of the fact that Mr. Greenway paraded the province declaring that the finances were sound.

LORD ROBERTS' ESCAPES.

London Mail.

Lord Roberts is a living example of the hazardous nature of the soldier's calling, the number of narrow escapes which he has experienced leading one almost to suppose that he bears a charmed life.

During the fighting before the walls of Delhi a bullet struck him on the back, passing through a leather pouch for caps which he usually wore in front near his pistol holster. The mere accident of this pouch having slipped around his back prevented the bullet from penetrating as deeply as it otherwise would have done. As it was, the wound was a rather severe one.

In the action at Bulandshar he saw a Sepoy taking aim at him, and was unable to get at the man because of the crush of soldiers around him. Just, however, as the mutineer fired, Roberts' horse reared and received the bullet in its head.

A month later, during the advance on Lucknow, Roberts and another young officer rode forward to mark the camp, and were cut off from the main body by a large number of the enemy. Riding as hard as they could under a hot fire, they were attempting to escape round the enemy's flank when Roberts' horse fell, attempting to escape round the enemy's flank, and he was left alone. He opened fire at close range, the situation being rendered all the more perilous from the fact that Roberts had accidentally cut his hand with his drawn sword, and he had some difficulty in remounting. At length he scrambled out, and ducking to avoid the shots, regained the main body. During the attack on Lucknow, and in accordance with Sir Colin Campbell's orders, Roberts planted a flag on one of the towers of the Mool Mahal, a shower of shot was aimed at it, and it was knocked down into the ditch. At great personal risk Roberts again placed the standard in position, only to see it struck again a short time later. A third time the gallant young officer raised the flag after which it suffered no further harm.

On another occasion, when accompanying a body of cavalry in pursuit of the enemy, Roberts saw two Sepoys making off with a standard. Riding after the rebels he cut down one and wrenched the staff from his grasp, but while doing so he was unable to deal with the other man, who, presenting the muzzle of his musket close to Roberts' body, pulled the trigger. Fortunately, the piece missed fire.

MAGERSFONTEIN.

A gentleman has received from a soldier of the Second Black Watch, who took part in the battle of Magersfontein, the following lines descriptive of the night attack and the disaster that befel the Highland Brigade. The lines were written in camp after the battle:

Tell you the tale of the battle? Well, there ain't so much to tell, Nine hundred went to the slaughter, and nine hundred hundred fell. Wire and the Mauser rifle, thirst and a burning sun, Knocked us down by the hundred ere the day was done.

Wet was the night, cold and dreary, chilled were the men to the bone, Bivouacked there in the open, thinking, perhaps, of their home. Midnight—they came to awake us, forming us up in the dark, Officers whispered their orders, never a light or a spark.

Onward we went till the morning dawned in the east, gray and drear, Where, in the front of us loomed, the kopje's bold sky line showed clear. Away on the left of the kopjes we'd noticed a night's burning bright. And just as the column had halted it suddenly vanished from sight.

Then, ere we knew what happened, two shots on our left ringing out, To the Boers in their trenches gave signal, and rifle bullets answered our shout.

Some one yelled "Charge!" and we started, rose up, and rushed out on their fire, Meaning to give them the bayonet, but, checked and stopped by their wire.

Bullets and shells ne'er appalled us, trenches nor boulder-strewn hill, But just a few strands of the fencing, caught us, nonplussed, standing still.

Over the wire, men, or through it! Drive the charge home to the hill! Vain were the struggles and climbing, barbs sticking deep in the kill.

Strong grows the light of morning, hotter the lead on us rained. Still we remained there before them, holding the ground we had gained. But down our faces and seek cover, nothing could live in that fire.

"Off to the right, men, and flank them!" forward, lie down men, retire! Then we loved back, and we cursed them, took home the truth with a groan.

"Rest of the brigade are retiring," now we must stand it alone. "Form a line here, men, we'll hold them," McFarlane's tall form stood erect.

Volley and volley we gave them, until their fierce fire was checked. Then round the adjutant rallied remnants of different corps—Some of the Black Watch, Argylls, and some of the gallant Seaforth's.

All the long day in noon, watching their loved back, and we cursed them, lying with dead men and wounded, lips swollen, blue-black with thirst.

Not thirty yards from the trenches Gen. Wauchope lay dead; The colonel, too, killed, lay beside him, their lives by the Boer bullets sped.

Night on eight hundred our losses—Englishmen, Irish and Scotch—Half of them fell in one regiment—God help them—the noble Black Watch.

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