

The Planet

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OUR TIN-POT TITLED NOBILITY.

One of the new features of the Canadian Almanac for 1900 is a list of all the Canadians who can boast of imperial titles. Most of us will be surprised to learn that the list is so long. To be sure, we have not many hereditary titles in Canada, and this is as it should be, for hereditary honors are not in harmony with the genius of a democratic country like ours. Transmitted titles are exotics here, and are rather absurd.

There are six British peerages filled by Canadians. The Canadian peers are: Susan Agnes, Baroness Macdonald of Earscliffe; Sir George Stephen, Baron Mount Stephen; William, Baron de Blaquiere; Sir Donald A. Smith, Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal; Sir Arthur L. Halliburton, Baron Halliburton, and Sir Udoolphus Aymer, Baron Aymer. To these may be added Charles Colmore Grant, Baron de Longueuil, whose title is a creation of Louis XIV. of France, and dates back to 1700.

Of baronets we have six: Sir W. G. Johnson, Sir Melville Parke, Sir F. A. Robinson, Sir William Rose, Sir Charles J. Stuart and Sir Charles Tupper. These baronetcies and the peerages above constitute the hereditary titles held by Canadians.

The list of knights is much longer. First come those of the G. C. M. G. (Grand Cross, St. Michael and St. George). There are only three of them—Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Oliver Mowat.

The K. C. M. G. knights (Knight Commander, St. Michael and St. George) are next in rank. These Canadians hold the K. C. M. G.: Sir John G. Bourinot, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir John Carling, Sir Adolphe Caron, Sir Louis H. Davies, Sir Sandford Fleming, Sir James A. Grant, Sir W. P. Howland, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Sir Charles A. P. Pelletier, Sir J. W. Trutch, Sir Charles H. Tupper, Sir W. C. Van Horne.

Next are the Knights Bachelors—Sir John A. Boyd, Sir Roderick W. Cameron (of New York), Sir Louis Cassault, Sir H. H. P. Create, Sir Robert Gillespie, Sir J. H. Hagarty, Sir W. H. Hingston, Sir Alex. LaCrosse, Sir James M. LeMoine, Sir W. C. McDonald, Sir W. R. Meredith, Sir Frank Smith, Sir Samuel H. Strong, Sir Melbourne M. Tait, Sir T. W. Taylor.

The C.B. (Companion of the Bath) is held by Hon. Wm. McDougall, Surgeon-General J. B. C. Reade and Major-General C. W. Robinson. The C.M.G. (Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George) has been conferred upon Major-General D. R. Cameron, J. G. Colmer, J. M. Courtney, Col. J. G. Dartnell, Dr. G. M. Dawson, Louis Frechette, Senator Gowan, W. H. Griffin, Major-General Jarvis, T. C. Keefer, J. Lorn Macdougall, Col. A. McEachran, A. R. Milne, Dr. Parkin, Collingwood, Schreiber, A. R. C. Selwyn, Vice-Admiral Vansittart and Col. W. White.

It is interesting to note that although Sir Charles Tupper is a baronet and Sir Wilfrid Laurier is only a knight, Sir Wilfrid outranks Sir Charles because Sir Wilfrid is a member of the Imperial Privy Council, and therefore a "Right Honorable," while Sir Charles is only an "Honorable."

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The following is from that excellent Liberal journal, the Kingston Whig:

A reference by the judges who heard the West Huron case, and who disposed of it without the evidence of Mr. Linklater, for whom they waited long, is somewhat humiliating. It was that "the bribers and the persons bribed will, as the act requires be reported, however useless a formality it may be." The impression prevails with the judges, then, that the government is not in earnest in its desire to see these offenders punished. The attorney-general has intimated that no one is to be spared, that the machinery of the law will be put in motion, and that it will grind all and sundry who have misbehaved themselves. The delay in acting is inexplicable. The public may be excused for not understanding the reason of it when Judges Osler and Rose are without the light. The premier was talking seriously when he denounced the election outrages, and he must redeem his word. There should be no difficulty about it. The offenders are known, and so is the process by which they may be called to account. There is something amiss, and the sooner it is rectified the better.

Say, we won't do a thing to those Fenians if they come over here.

It takes a letter about a month to come from Cape Town to Canada.

The late Duke of Westminster was the richest man in England. His annual income was \$3,750,000.

Well, if Buller didn't eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria he had 500 captured Boer cattle to make it on in Chieveley.

How things change! Not long ago it was the Queen vs. Billy Ponton. Now Ponton has enlisted and it's the Queen and Billy vs. Oom Paul Kruger.

Any person who casts a fraudulent ballot at a municipal election is liable to six months' imprisonment. We do not suppose there is anybody in Chatham who would do so, but it is as well for all to know the penalty.

Chatham has the reputation abroad of having a considerable colored population, but it is not in it with Windsor. While the Maple City has less than 700 colored inhabitants, the assessment returns of Windsor show nearly 1,000.

The agitation for a Fenian raid into Canada is probably the lever by which a lot of crooks and loafers, too lazy to work for an honest living, hope to get another lot of dopes and "suckers" to subscribe the where-withall by which the said parties of the first part may continue to live in idleness and still keep out of jail.

Our esteemed and industrious friend, Thomas Radcliffe, Esq., public executioner, is the only gentleman worrying at present over the possibility of a Fenian raid. In making his contract with the government Thomas forgot a provision for extra remuneration in case of being called upon to work overtime, hence has no desire to share in Canada's growing time even to oblige the Chin-na-giel.

NOT NECESSARY TO QUARANTINE HIM.

Exchange.

The following letter was lately sent a Stratford schoolmaster. "Dear Sir,—Please excuse my boy a scratching himself. He's got a new flannel shirt on."

A CENTURY FROM NOW.

Pearson's Weekly.

If you and I should wake from sleep A century from now,
Back to the grave we'd want to creep. A century from now,
We'd witness such a startling change, Find everything so wondrous strange
We'd hurry back across the range, A century from now.

A woman, forty, fat and fair, A century from now,
May warm with grace the speaker's chair, A century from now.

A century from now,
The cabinet may be a flock Of girls, gay of hat and frock,
Who talk, but who won't mend a sock. A century from now.

The people all will fly on wings A century from now,
(Not heavenly, but patent things), A century from now,
They'll soar aloft devoid of fear On pinions of a chainless gear,
And change their "flyers" every year. A century from now.

There'll be no restaurants at all A century from now,
The home will have no dining hall A century from now,
The chemists all our wants will fill With food in tablets, and to still
Our thirst we'll simply take a pill, A century from now.

VOICE OF WINTER.

Denver Post.

O! list to the wild lamentation Arise on the frost spangled air,
That volume of sharp exclamation All bristling with sparks of swear!
O! list to that sobbing so mournful! The crown has been snatched from the king!

The voice that was erstwhile so scornful Has lost all its jubilant ring!

'Tis the wail of the ice man, the out-of-job ice man, the sock-up-the-price man who once was on deck! His glad smiles have quit him and laughter don't fit him since old King Lear hit him a slash in the neck!

O! hear ye that rollicking whistle, Pitched up in the gayest of keys! As sharp as the sting of a thistle, It pierces the frost-laden breeze.
O! hear ye that glad anthem winging From heart just unloaded from care—
That song so exultingly ringing In happy rag-time on the air!

'Tis the song of the coal man, the jubilant coal man, the fill-up-the-hole man with diamonds black. He's never heard growling when winter is scowling and people are howling for lump, nut and slack.

Give ear to that beautiful chorus, That rises in ripples of glee, Till all of the wintry air over us Seems bursting with glad melody!
O! gay is the song they are trilling The music is free from alloy,
As out from their souls they are spilling The very quintessence of joy!

'Tis the song of the plumber, the happy old plumber, and ain't he a hummer close up to the band! His lips are but voicing his glad soul's rejoicing as pipes snap to busting on every hand.

And hear those anathemas shooting From tongues of the sinner and Profanity's horns they are tooting Without even a show of restraint! From lips once accustomed to parking Alone grow the shrieking and prying Now vividly, sharply are darting Red streaks of the highest grade swear!

'Tis the swear of the people, the winter-struck people, to see others reap all the fruits of their toil; the cash crop of summer the coal man and plumber now joyously gather from labor's rich soil.

West Kent Farmers' Institute.

Meetings of the Institute will be held as follows:—Chatham Township Hall, Jan. 13th, 1900. Afternoon Session at 1.30 Presidents Address; 2 p. m., address: "breeding and feeding of cattle" by John McMillan, of Seaforth; address "breeding and feeding the bacon hog" by W. C. McGregor, Tilbury; address "the orchard for profit" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Evening Session 7.30, Presidents Address; address "the Ontario Agricultural College" by John McMillan, Seaforth; address "cultivating clover hay" by W. C. McGregor, Tilbury; address "ornamenting the home" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Dover Township Hall, Jan. 15th, 1900. Afternoon session 1.30, Presidents Address; address "breeding and feeding cattle" by John McMillan, Seaforth; address "cultivation and curing clover" by W. C. McGregor, Tilbury; address "corn growing" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Evening session 7.30, Presidents address; address "hog feeding" by John McMillan, Seaforth; address "potato growing" by J. R. Longmore, Raleigh; address "ornamenting the home" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Other speakers will take part in the discussion. Come and give us the benefit of your experience. Come one, come all. W. C. MCGREGOR, Pres., Tilbury.

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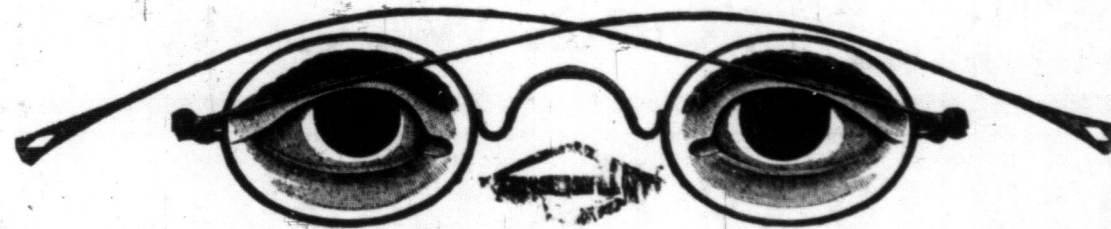


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