

The Planet

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HOW THEY "BLEW" THE COUNTRY'S FUNDS.

The Toronto World has been looking over the figures representing the cost of the late lamented International commission with this result:

The International commission fiasco cost us \$34,000.

Out of this sum the ministers drew for expenses as follows: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, \$3,821; Sir Richard Cartwright, \$3,361; Sir Louis Davies, \$2,036; Mr. Fielding, \$200.

Mr. Bourassa, the member of parliament who resigned the other day because he opposed the contingent, drew in \$2,200 as secretary, and \$1,637 was expended in excursions and dinners.

It seems to have been a most enjoyable affair.

SLOW BUT LOYAL.

A Washington, D. C., newspaper writer, who has been flying for some time in Canada, sends the Detroit News the following letter expressive of the wonderful loyalty to the mother country which exists in the Dominion:

"Canada is British. Canada is loyal. The average American holds in his brain a speaking notion that somehow, somewhere, sometime, Canada will turn insurrectionist and prodigal, and of her own free will join the glorious sisterhood of states. A residence in Canada, and that only for a very short period will convince him of his error.

For the Canadian does not hold himself to be a vassal; he esteems himself an integral factor, a cardinal part in a mighty empire. Canada, to his thought, is not a dependency, a colony, it is a suburb of London—in spirit, and almost in fact.

They do not speak the language of our tribe here. They have maltreated four men in as many weeks who dared to utter sentiments British, which would receive some applause in many sections of the States. I have met one pro-British, he is from Chicago, and I am told was identified with the Fenian movement. If you are feeling unduly healthy, and are in search of trouble, walk into a public place, announce yourself as hopeful of Boer success—and the Canadian will do the rest.

They are raising a fund for the widows and orphans of the soldiers from Canada who have gone to the front. It now approximates \$100,000. One bank in Toronto gave \$25,000. The major portion of the subscriptions, however, are in small amounts—for this is not a wealthy people and a sacrifice accompanies every gift that counts; for this is a land where nature is somewhat cold and sterile and but ill-given to hospitality and fulsome. The astonishing feature is the absolute loyalty, the unswerving devotion of the donors. I went to Stanley barracks the day the first call for volunteers was made. There were over 2,000 men eager and ready for enlistment. A finer body of men never presented themselves for service. The Canuck is a hardy chap, on the average, big and bony and stalwart. On the last day of enlistment, when 18 men were needed, over 400 men appeared.

Some centuries ago, the Canadians erected an altar to conservatism and appealed the handmaidens thereof, according to the familiar and traditional vogue of their forefathers, as Common Sense, Sobriety and Caution. And in the lapse of years they have blurred their senses to the recognition of the fact that their God is on a hand car, and the world on an express, and that business lethargy and inactivity prevail in Canada as nowhere else in America. She is rich in resources, marvelously so; but poor in the spirit which animates the opening century in every respect except that of intense, enduring loyalty to the "right little isle."

That ultra-N. P. body, the Manufacturers' Association, has decided to go out of politics. The reason given is, that the Liberals have adopted protection and as both parties now agree on the principle there is no need of the association's assistance to maintain it in existence.

The rat war in Denmark is so successful that the record of killed at the end of a single week amounted to about 90,000, writes the Manchester Guardian. The magistracy of Copenhagen having given the leaders of the exterminating party to understand that it will be forbidden to bury the rats in the immediate future, the erection of a crematorium is being planned. The notice of the foreign press has been drawn to the favorable results following on the work of the Rational Danish Rat Exterminating Society. The Prussian authorities have recently received a long report of the rat war in Copenhagen. The owner of three large estates, Graf von Noer, has also complained that her country seats are infested by rats in an unusual degree, and has requested a similar "report," and last, but not least, the municipal authorities of Christiansburg, in Norway, have asked for some practical in-

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formation as to the best method of exterminating these vermin. The Danish provinces have also joined the movement. The municipality of Mørbo has granted a sum of 1,000 kroner (\$270) for the extermination of the rodents.

Who said that Buller was not equal to making successful turning movements? Here, no sooner do you think he is well on the road to Ladysmith than he turns back.

The announcement of the British Government's choice of E. P. Gill, one of Mr. Parnell's former lieutenants, as Secretary of the new Irish Board of Agriculture and Industries, is suggestive of the lines upon which the ministry's Irish policy is now proceeding. It is a question in their minds of prosperity versus home rule, and they are putting all their money on cooperative agriculture and land-purchase acts. They say they are more than satisfied with the sympathy their efforts evoked among Nationalist as well as Unionist farmers, even though Nationalist members of Parliament hold aloof, and the selection of Mr. Gill will, they hope, give even more of a national character to this quiet social revolution.

A WOMAN'S FORESIGHT.

Detroit Free Press.

A New York woman has just saved her natural heirs a great deal of trouble and hard feeling by leaving all of her large estate to the family lawyer.

EGGS AND EGGS.

Farming.

A dozen large eggs are worth just as much more, as they are heavier than a dozen small ones. The North Carolina Experiment station made careful weights of the eggs from different yards last year and found that the heaviest eggs are from ducks. These weigh 2.4 pounds to the dozen. The light Brahmas lay the largest hen's eggs, and these are 1.34 pounds per dozen. The lightest eggs are from Leghorn pullets, a little over 1.18 pounds per dozen. On what other article of food will people be content to pay the same price for what may vary over 50 per cent. in value? Or what producer of merchantable produce of any other kind will consent to supply all the way up to 55 per cent. more than the market value, and not to think to add to the standard price for additional value?

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HOTEL FIRES.

Nothing Like Becoming Accustomed to Them.

In a certain down town apartment house a number of young men find food and shelter. They are a lively set of boys and the chance for a joke, practical or otherwise, escapes them.

Not long ago a new comer with a good deal of worldly experience and a somewhat vivid imagination, told the boys about his thrilling adventures at fires.

"Why," he said one evening, "I've been in so many hotel fires that I always carry a long coil of rope in my valise."

"Ever use it?" queried one of the boys.

"Of course. I remember the last time I used it was in a Buffalo fire. You see, I've become accustomed to awaking quickly, and when I awoke on this particular occasion I smelled fire. Jumping from bed I opened the door and found the hall was full of smoke. 'Hullo, old fellow,' I said to myself, 'this means a merry hustle.' I fastened one end of my rope, tied my valise to the other end and lowered it out of the window. Without waiting to put on any other garments, I clambered over my night shirt, and lowered myself, hand over hand, down the rope. When I reached the valise I found it was fully fifteen feet from the ground. I was determined to save it, so I rapidly pulled my knife from my pocket, cut the rope, let the valise drop and then dropped in safety myself."

The boys listened gravely to this thrilling story, and not one was so impolite as to ask what the hero of the affair was doing with a knife in his nightshirt.

But the chance to call him down came a little later.

"When it came the supper table was full, the victim, of course, being present, and without warning one of the gang suddenly opened up.

"I am so accustomed to hotel fires, you know," he began in a voice loud enough to attract general attention, "that I never go away from home without forty fathoms of inch cable in my trunk. The last time I used it was in Buffalo. I am so accustomed to hotel fires, you know, that I always awaken with a start. This time I ran to the door, threw it open and found the hall filled with clouds of stifling smoke. Even as I gazed I saw the red tongues of the fire demon flaring up the wall of the fire demon flaring up the wall of the street I heard the crash as the firemen broke in the doors and windows, as the night wind brought us from round the corner the treacherous thrum of the throbbing engines and the hoarse hoots of the excited mob. 'Scout, my boy, scout!' I remarked to myself, and I am so accustomed to hotel fires that I knew in a moment just what to do. I tied one end of the cable to the bed and the other end to the trunk. Then I threw the latter from the window, and just as the red tentacles of the roaring octopus clutched at me through the panels of the door, I twisted my legs in the cable and lowered myself head downward, just as you have seen it done in the circus. I was clad only in my nightshirt, and the suction of the mighty conflagration drew me unpleasantly close to the superheated walls. But, finally, I reached the trunk, only to find it dangling twenty feet from the ground. I didn't want to lose that trunk; it was an heirloom in the family, and I sat on it for a full half minute before I decided what to do. Then with a firm grip I seized my knife and the one wild slash was sufficient to cut the rope beneath me and let the trunk fall with a dull thud to the ground. A moment later I dropped lightly into the net which the firemen held for my reception."

There was a moment's silence. Everybody breathed hard. Then one of the gang spoke up.

"You say you had a knife," he said, "and yet you were clad only in a nightshirt. Where did the knife come from?"

The narrator looked at the questioner with an expression of strong contempt.

"I am so accustomed to hotel fires," he said, "that I always sleep with a knife between my teeth!"

Then everybody exploded—except the victim.

He feebly smiled.

THOUSANDS BLESS THEM.

Helen Gould's helpful hobbies, her work for crippled children, for the soldiers and for others, are too well known to demand mention in detail. Miss Margaret Chanter has shown similar interest in philanthropies and public affairs, and received a medal for her services as nurse in the recent war.

Miss Margaret Long, the daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, not only served as a war nurse, but is studying a medicine at Johns Hopkins, with a view to pursuing it as a profession for life.

Whether Mr. Hay is a poet who has a talent for statesmanship, or a statesmanship with a facility for literature, was for a time an open question among his friends, but recent events have seemed to prove that his statesmanship is his predominating quality.

Stedman, the banker, has an ability for turning out verses.

Joseph Jefferson, veteran actor, has many side talents. He is a painter of considerable ability, a fisherman of unusual skill and a prince of good companions.

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