

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY A FAILURE.

Joseph Elkington, one of the leading members of the Society of Friends, of Philadelphia, was in Ottawa on Saturday, presumably on business of importance with the interior department. When Mr. Elkington was in Ottawa early in the winter he had returned from a visit to the Doukhobors, and stated that the Society of Friends, which had already assisted the Doukhobors, were arranging to continue to give further relief to these people during the winter. They have done so, and apparently on a generous scale. When asked on Saturday as to their condition Mr. Elkington said going to the millinery of the winter the Doukhobors had pulled through fairly well, but it was idle to deny that they were in need of further assistance. "In fact," he said, "not until they have taken one season's crop out of the ground will they be in a self-helpful condition." While he would state nothing further as to the situation, it would appear that the Government is in a quandary about its new wards from Russia. About thirty of them left last week for California, and unless something is done, and that soon, the bulk of the Doukhobors will follow. Doukhobor delegates left the Northwest recently with a Mr. Desmues, representing a large lumber firm in California, and after looking over the situation, returned to their countrymen with a largely favorable report. Then the department of the interior communicated with the Quakers of Philadelphia, and they, in turn, wrote to Count Tolstoi and Prince Hilko, asking them to use their influence with the Doukhobors to remain in Canada. Both have written strong letters to the Doukhobors, appealing to them to remain where they are, if only out of gratitude to the Dominion Government, which has done something for them. These letters have had some effect, inasmuch as two of the delegates answered with expressions of regret for having gone to California at all. But the third delegate, Alexander Budynski, held out, and he is the one who has just left for California with thirty of his people to work in the lumber camps there. A gentleman interested in the settlement of the Northwest said, in discussing the situation: "While it would be a god-send to the country if every Doukhobor and Galician would leave it, although their importation has cost the country so dearly, I am afraid it would be a bad advertisement for Canada if this immigration to California should assume large proportions."

Will the gents at Ottawa who are talking against it, not give the country a rest?

By the way, isn't Mr. Campbell going to have any appropriation inserted in the estimates for the reorganization of the 24th Kent Battalion?

The Toronto Telegram's Ottawa correspondent considers that the Federal Government will not make an appeal to the country until next autumn.

It looks as if the Dominion government may have to put an export duty on Doukhobors—Hamilton Herald.

We have paid too much already in import duty on them.

And now the Central Post Fuel Company has been incorporated to supply Toronto with fuel. It will not be long before all Canada is independent of the United States for its winter fuel supply, and the millions of dollars now paid out to that country will be saved.

The attorney-general is correct in thinking there is no disconnection with the present municipal system. But tinkering does not seem to reform it. When is a business-like system going to be inaugurated? It seems as far off as ever.—Ottawa Free Press, Liberal.

We do not believe the present Ontario Cabinet is capable of devising an up-to-date municipal system.

Whether it is legal or not to execute Burt Williams, the Toronto murderer, on Good Friday, the hanging will prove just as effective as on any other day. Williams himself may kick a little over it, but for the matter of that, he would kick anyway whenever he was hanged. It's a way the victims of the execution have.

The Globe is having a great time with itself defending the government's absurd preferential policy. Mr. Chamberlain distinctly declared on the floor of the British parliament that Great Britain did not want the colonies to give the motherland something for nothing; and that the only practical course was mutual tariff concession, just as Sir Charles Tupper proposed. Now the Globe is expending columns in proving that Mr. Chamberlain meant something else. If it won't do. There can be no mistaking the colonial secretary's words.

It seems clear enough that if the Liberal leaders are to be held personally responsible for what Mr. Bourassa, M. P., says, the Conservative leaders must be held responsible for

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what Mr. Chauvin, M. P., says. And both these members say the same things.—Toronto Star.

Yet there is a difference. After Mr. Bourassa had kicked up all his fuss about the first contingent, and had resigned and been elected again, he was introduced into parliament by a cabinet minister, was patted on the back by Sir Wilfrid and the whole party and was made Liberal whip, which is next door to a portfolio. On the other hand, the Conservative party has done nothing to endorse Mr. Chauvin or his views. Even a paper as obtuse as the Star can hardly fail to see a difference in the two cases.

A NEW LIGHT COMING.

Philadelphia Press.

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PROPER LENGTH FOR SERMONS.

London Globe.

Mr. Egerton Young, of Canada, in a recent lecture to a London audience told the following true tale: "Sim," said a preacher, to his negro coachman, "what did you think of my sermon?" "Well, Massa," replied the negro, scratching his woolly pate, "I thought you went by a lot of good stopping places." It suggests the remark of an old Scotchman to his London vicar regarding the most fitting length for a sermon: "I tak' it," he said, "that a sermon should be no more than fifteen minutes—with a leaning to Mercy's side."

BAD PLACE FOR PRO-BOERS.

Highgate Monitor.

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SHADOWED.

By J. R. Wilkinson, Author "Canadian Battlegrounds."

O, softening snow! take thy cold cement
From our enshrouded world to-day;
And Arctic winds beat an instant retreat
To thy desolate home, away!
And sweet south winds, from the isles of palm,
Breathe again to us, soft and low;
Let thy odorous breath warm the hills,
And through woodlands murmuring
Come again, sweet birds, sing thy songs.
Perch again by my cottage door;
Let thy joy-notes revel just as of old,
As on wing thou dost gaily soar.
Gnast thou not bring back the lost springs to me,
The past dreams of a lovely day?
For thought drifts out o'er the shadowed past,
The dim, silent, and far away.

WHEN MA BUYS HER SPRING HAT.

As sure as April comes around,
My ma begins to say:
"It's gettin' warm; I'll have to buy
My new spring hat to-day.
You need a suit of clothes, my son,
Some shoes an' things like that,
But I guess you can wait until
Yer ma buys her spring hat."

'Nen ma goes down to the store,
'An' jist as like as not
She'll go in ev'ry store in town,
'An' try on all they've got.
She's awful hard to suit—is ma.
My heart grees pit-pat
To think of what the clerks must
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When Ma buys her spring hat.
'An' 'nen, when ma gets home with it
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HE WARNED CRONJE.

Navvill To'd him he Was Being Flanked by Roberts.

London, April 10.—The Balfour correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing from Paris, has reported the death at Boshof of Gen. De Villiers, Maréchal, commander of the French legion of the Boer army, says: "He was a fine type of the French Boer, brave, brave, highly intelligent, loving war, yet a polished gentleman at home, and a scholarly and almost brilliant writer. He was of far too high a type to be understood by the Boers who showed open contempt for his advice and disobedience to his orders."

"He was the one who warned Gen. Cronje that he was being flanked by Lord Roberts. Cronje replied angrily: 'The British will never leave the railway.' The French officer persisted, saying it was obvious that the British meant to outflank the Boers. Then Cronje shouted: 'Boy, keep still; I was a soldier before you were born.'"

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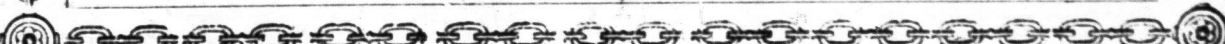
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