

..The Planet..

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REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE
SIR JOHN A.

Nicholas Flood Davin, who is now acting as Ottawa correspondent for the Toronto News, indulges, when the work of the House is not pressing, in occasional reminiscences of Canadian politics and politicians that are very interesting. Particularly readable are some of his recollections of the Old Chief, Sir John A. Macdonald. To some of the younger generation of Canadians, at least, it may be news that Sir John was at one time a free trader. "In 1876 I was in the Mail office," says Mr. Davin, "talking with the late Charles Belford, who was the editor under Mr. Patterson, who was manager and editor-in-chief, when Sir John Macdonald entered and said: 'Belford, what do you mean by that article on protection? I am not a protectionist! But protection was in the air, Sir John was not the man to allow his own private opinions to stand in the way. The matter was finally decided for Sir John at a political picnic. Turning to Sir Charles Tupper, he said: 'Tupper, protection is the card we are going to win with. I watched that crowd. They were unaffected by all your thundering against McKenzie; but when protection was expounded and they were told they would have a home market and get more for their wheat and bacon, their steers and lambs, and tall chimneys would rise up from here to Fenelon Falls, all their ears were cocked. Protection is the card we'll win by.' Further on Mr. Davin describes the Chief as a statesman of large national views; but he was not and did not profess to be a thinker on questions with the object of arriving at new ideas to apply in any department of government." He considered that was not his business. He considered that the first duty of the politician was to get in, and the next was to keep in. There is no doubt that he lived up to his creed. Some of his followers still venerate him as a great political leader; but Mr. Davin's picture is doubtless true to life. He was a successful leader because he allowed success to lead him. The first duty of the statesman, he held, was to get into power, and the next duty was to stay in power.

THE ROSS GOVERNMENT BLUFF.

The condition of things revealed by the Ontario Government's attempt to deal with the assessment question is little short of extraordinary. When instead of pressing the bill drawn up by the government's own commission to remove the "scrap iron" inquiry, the government announced a substitute, which gave little hope of a remedy, Mr. Whitney rose in his place in the house and charged the government with carrying out its part of a corrupt bargain, and he defied the government to question his statement. "When the government last proposed to tax the corporations of the province," said Mr. Whitney, "a contract was made by which they contributed large sums of money, and by means of the money to a certain extent the general elections of 1898 were carried in this province. If any gentleman thinks I have not made my statement distinct, let him show wherein it is weak, and I will make it stronger, because I know whereof I speak, and the time will come, I hope, when I shall be in a position or rather be ready to allude in greater detail to the question I am now discussing."

Did anybody rise in behalf of the government and make a demand for more definite charges? If so the vigilant of occupants of the press gallery failed to see or hear him. Mr. Whitney was allowed to proceed, and he made his position clearer as he went on.

"Then came, sir, as a result, the famous scrap-iron inquiry, as some call it—another sop to the corporations in return for what they had done. Does any gentleman ask who is authority for my statement? When he does, I will answer the question. We then had the Assessment Commission appointed last year, when the government found themselves attacked at the point of the bayonet in the Municipal committee room. Who that was present will ever forget that scene when the Ministers of the Crown sat there surrounded by corporation influences and tremblingly suggested that a commission should be issued to inquire into the assessment question rather than that the committee should be compelled to take it up."

It is quite clear that the government, if it has any case, cannot afford to treat such a charge with silent contempt; it is equally clear that Mr. Whitney cannot afford to allow the matter to rest with the mere uttering of a threat. He has gone so far that he ought to go further. If he does not, he will leave the impression that he is in the same box with the government, and that he dares not formulate his charges, just as the government dared not deny them. Mr. Whitney had the opportunity to speak out; the pity is he did not accept it; it may not occur again. There is no sense in multiplying suspicions—the crop is already quite large enough.

HOLE IN THE LUNGS

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Consumption stopped is consumption cured. What does it?

Some change in the way of life and Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

With the emulsion, give some attention to circumstances: change from a dark damp close room to a sunny dry airy one; from city to country; from hard to an easy life; indoors to out.

A hole in the lungs once healed is no worse than a too-tight waist or waistcoat.

Take the emulsion, and give it a chance to heal the wound.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.

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The whole attitude of the government towards the corporations is full of suspicion; what the people want is not more suspicion, but some facts. Mr. Whitney professes to have them. Let him give them to the public.

The census enumerators who have thrown up their jobs in disgust may be said to have taken leave of their census.

It is said Attorney-General Gibson will drop the law reform bill. What is the use of trying to get law reform from a cabinet of lawyers?

The Ottawa Government has got the estimates up to \$60,000,000 now. Five or six years ago Hon. David Mills thought an expenditure of \$40,000,000 the grossest extravagance.

At the Hamilton teachers' convention a resolution was passed, asking the Education Department to make a regulation placing the minimum age of the school teacher at twenty-one years. The idea is to reduce the number of teachers and make those who enter the profession choose it as a life work, and at the same time serve to raise the salaries of teachers.

Chatham is noted for the number and variety of its beautiful birds, yet boys are allowed to roam around with guns shooting them. Where are the Ontario game wardens? Where are the police? These boys are breaking both the law of the province and the by-law of the city. A couple of examples should be made. If they are not, the game wardens should be reported to Toronto. We want all the pretty birds that come here.

Visitors to the city of Washington are told in their praise of the civic government of that city. It has clean and well-lighted streets and all the conveniences of modern life. One secret of its successful management is that it is under the control of three commissioners appointed by the government. In municipal government the truth of the saying, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," is apparent—Windsor Record.

That is all very well, but in Washington the Federal government pays half the cost of municipal work, hence the taxpayers get off at 50 cents on the dollar. Any city ought to look well under such circumstances.

The Ross Government wants the time of the present session extended to clear the decks of all business that can be got rid of. The Mail says: It is well understood in inside Liberal circles that the object of the Government in extending the life of the present House is to enable them to put through a Redistribution bill at the next session, on which the Premier calculates to secure a net gain of six seats. The time for the general elections has been already decided upon, and unless present plans fail, the Government will go to the country between the 15th and the 30th of June, 1902.

Judge Houston's contention that landlords should not be held responsible for their tenants' water rates is most reasonable. The water commission has the remedy in its own hands. Let the rates be collected in advance and if the tenants fail to pay turn off the supply of aqua pura. The recent extraordinary rule adopted by the board means that landlords must in the first place keep themselves posted from the waterworks office as to whether or not their tenants have paid; then in the next place, if the tenant moves out without paying, the landlord finds himself stuck. If the tenant found that he could not get water until he paid for it there would be no trouble. But to supply it to all who apply on credit, and then hold the landlords responsible seems most unfair.

Maryland's new election law, passed at a special session of her legislature is expected to disfranchise about 26,000 negroes and 18,000 white men by imposing upon them an educational qualification. Under the provisions of the new law the voter is required to mark a ballot without division of the candidates into party groups. Hereafter, the candidates' names will be arranged in alphabetical order. If such an enactment will disqualify so many voters Maryland is badly in need of a more thorough system of education. But the educational test in voting is right, and it is to the credit of Maryland that it is made to apply to black and white alike, which is not the case in some Southern States.

NO END OF NAMES.

Bobaygeon Independent.
It is proposed that the Duke of York's sons should be called Prince of Canada and Prince of Australia. If it is names they want, this country can supply unlimited quantities. What is the matter with Duke of Bobaygeon, or Earl of Nogeys Creek?

COUNTY JUDGES.

Uxbridge Journal.
The county judges of this province have applied at Ottawa for increased salaries because the Legislature proposes to give them more work to do by transferring some of the work of the High Court to the County Court. It is an almost general opinion that most county judges require more work to enable them to carry their present salaries. The Legislature will be endorsed by the people in a policy of more work for county judges or fewer judges.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrah That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten times as great as the benefit they derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the mucous membrane, and cures the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
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Make Believe Mourners.

The Chinese possess a great love of funeral display and hearse processions, as they seem at least to western eyes. An immense trumpet is even used sometimes, which is worked like a garden pump to sob out the "boo-heo" of the afflicted relatives. The more earthly and heartrending its sobs the better they seem to be pleased. For a great funeral all the beggars and ragamuffins and impudent small boys in the vicinity are hired. They are dressed out in tawdry clothes, or perhaps their rags are not even disguised in any way, but they are at least given banners to carry and are hired to wail and sob as if their hearts were breaking. The dull, indifferently, cold faces of the men and the rough, mischievous smiles on the boys' faces belie their wails and give a very unreal air of hypocritical sorrow to the average Chinese funeral. Though doubtless there is much genuine sorrow and as many real heartaches as in other lands.

The End Surprised Him.

Always read a letter to the end and hear a story to the end before you are too much elated or depressed.

A popular physician was much pleased with a certain aerated water and by his assiduous recommendation procured for it a celebrity it justly deserved. The doctor acted solely in the interest of humanity generally and expected no return. To his surprise there came one morning an effusive letter from the company stating that his recommendations had done them so much good that they "returned to send him a hundred."

"Here the page came to an end."

"This will never do," said the doctor. "It is very kind, but I could not think of accepting anything."

Here he turned the page and found the sentence ran:

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Tapestry Curtains, full size, in rich colorings and designs, heavy fringed ends, extra values at per pair \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50 and	Curtain Net, fine imported bobbin net, 2 yds. wide, in white and cream, soft finish, will give excellent wear, special per yard	Window Shades best quality, with heavy fringe lace and insertion, mounted on best guaranteed rollers, special at 35c, 50c, and
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