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THE HIGHEST TARIFF CANADA HAS EVER KNOWN.

If, as the Tory press profess to believe, protection is absolutely necessary for Canada, why do they persist in urging the government to adopt free trade?—Galt Reformers.

The Planet manages to go over a number of Tory papers daily, and we haven't seen any of them calling for free trade. The Liberals howled about the N. P. for eighteen years and promised to "remove the last vestige of it." When they got into power they not only retained the N. P. duties, but actually increased them until now we have the highest tariff on the average Canada has ever known, raised and put in force by pledged Free Traders. Even this would not be so bad; only the cost of the necessities of life has been increased, while the farmer is also made to pay more for what he requires. All the Tory press has done has been to staff the government as to when we were going to have those free trade promises fulfilled. Surely, the members of the Laurier cabinet do not expect they can make fools of the honest members of their own party who fought on principle for them? If free trade was an impossibility Mr. Laurier ought to have been able to have discovered this fact before getting power and have honestly said so. But what did he do? Sent honest workers out over the whole country talking and arguing for it, and then when he got into power turned them into a laughing stock by taking a Cobden free trade medal, a tinop title, and stating that he still believed in the principle but it was not practicable at present. One can imagine how those who he thus made ridiculous must now feel.

ROUGH ON THE LIBERAL PRESS.

We commend the following from the Toronto Telegram, independent, to our esteemed local contemporary, the Banner:

The subservient press employed by the worst Conservative Governments in the history of Confederation have disgraced their columns with more stupid lies than the Liberal press, with a very few honorable exceptions, is now printing in an effort to prevent inquiry into an alleged wrong-doing in the Yukon.

It is enough to make the Canadian despatch of his country when he sees the press of a great party, with the chief organ at its head, driven to a refuge in clumsy, brutal falsehoods, which would disgrace the remarks of a tenth-rate stump speaker in a country school house.

The statement that the destruction of the Yukon bill last session was inspired by alien lobbyists is absolutely false. Public opinion had condemned that infamous deal before E. J. Lynam and his partner appeared on the scene. The Yukon deal would have been killed in the senate if these two Americans had never left Dawson City.

There is another outcry this session because two American newspaper men suggest that an inquiry would disclose facts not creditable to the officials of the Government. The Liberal press is hard at work describing these two individuals as a lobby dangerous to Canada. There is little sympathy with the removal of the royalty, but why should any honest Canadian fail to sympathize with their demand for an inquiry which will show the facts as to the conduct of Canada's officials in the Yukon?

The Conservative press was bad enough when its party had been eighteen years in office, but the Liberal press, after its own party has been less than three years in power, has touched a lower depth of subservience in its attempt to use the old flag as a cloak for wrong-doing in the Yukon.

The Comber Herald in a cheerfully straightforward birthday congratulation to the Banner says: "Politically it is too much one-sided for a small daily that expects support from both sides."

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We are pleased to see the Banner joining us in advocating some sidewalk riding concessions to the bicyclists. We cannot see why some people make such a great fuss about a trial of the proposal anyway. It is quite time enough to equal when somebody gets hurt. If the bicyclists care to risk their necks on some of the sidewalks of this city the rest of us need not worry.

If the Planet desires to see a school board with plenty of work on hand and no time to spare let it come over to Ridgeway.

There does seem to be a hot time in the old town but what could you expect with not only the school board and council but the whole population wrangling over heaters.

Mr. Bennett, M. P., declares he will fight the proposed redistribution bill all summer, if necessary, and commenting on this, the Stratford Beacon says: "Here is a measure that he knows nothing of, condemned by Mr. Bennett." It condemns itself. This redistribution bill should properly be based on the census of 1901. However, the Laurier government have to go to the country before they can get their proposed force a measure through now if they can. The haste to introduce it is prima facie proof that it is crooked.

The Wallaceburg Herald announces that hereafter a charge of \$1 each will be made for publishing obituary poems. The columns of the Planet remain open. — Rochester Dominion.

Exactly! This great family journal aims at giving all classes of proper news matter, and making its columns as varied and readable as possible. Some people do not care for obituary poetry, others do; some do not read sporting news, others do; some do not read reports of revival meetings, others do; some do not read Talmage's sermons, others do. We cater to all. A paper that circulates as generally as the Planet has to. Our subscribers are not interested in; but tastes differ and to the extent of our space we will endeavor as of old to continue leading the press of Western Ontario in pleasing all tastes, even if we have to publish obituary poetry to do it.

SHE SHOULD BE KILT.

Ottawa Citizen.

A cheerful idiot insists that the titled blacksmith, Lady Harbington, is painting for notoriety.

A SILENCE THAT CAN BE FELT.

Woodstock Times.

To-day the noisy claimants against extravagance, against protection, against scandals, against deals, are as silent as the deaf and dumb alphabet.

WAS FINISHED BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT.

Exchange.

An old Scotch lady, who could not abide long sermons, was hobnobbing out of Kirk one Sunday, when a coachman, who was waiting for his people, asked her: "Is the minister done wi' his sermon?" "He was done lang syne," said the old lady, impatiently, "but he wins't stop."

THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

Exchange.

Boys who have formed the cigarette habit are like worms applied. They drop long before harvest time. They make failures in after life. The boy who begins cigarette smoking before his 15th year never enters the life of the world. When other boys are taking hold of the world's work, he is concerned with the sexton and undertaker.

Title and ancestry render a good man more illustrious, but an ill one more contemptible. — Addison.

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A NEW STRAWBERRY BED.

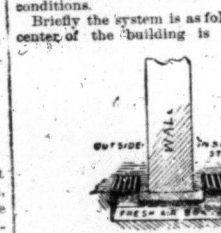
One Who Knows Gives Explicit Directions for Setting.

In strawberry culture three things are essential—good ground, good plants and good cultivation. To employ the latter row system, says J. W. Caldwell in Orange Judd Farmer. It is adapted to commercial growers and to the family garden. The land is not ideal strawberry land by any means, but is the best as my disposal. It consists mostly of a brown clay loam underlaid with red clay, somewhat inclined to lake, but in a good state of fertility. In August of the year previous to planting, the ground is plowed to a depth of four inches, harrowed smoothly, and a good coating of well rotted manure applied. Nothing more is done till the latter part of October, when the land is again plowed, this time to a depth of about eight inches. Narrow furrows are used, setting the furrow also somewhat upon edge, care being used to cover all green weeds. In the spring as soon as the land is in proper condition, the growing plants are placed in baskets and covered with wet blankets, and in planting the roots are exposed as little as possible to the direct rays of the sun. No more than sufficient for a half-day's planting are dug at one time. All the varieties used being strong, vigorous growers, are planted two feet apart in the row. In setting, the plants are placed in the hole made by the fork, the crown level with the surface and the roots somewhat spread out, but pointing downward. The soil is packed firmly around the plant, care being used to see there is no hollow space left among the roots. A little loose dirt is then scattered around the crown of the plant, and the operation is finished.

The Care of Harvest. Before spring is right upon you overhaul the harvest and get it in good shape. For this work many good farmers have a repair kit with which they can do a great deal of the work themselves. Such an outfit saves the cost many times a year. Go carefully over all your harness, a set at a time, make all the repairs you can yourself, then take what you cannot repair to a saddler. Replace all worn out pieces with new ones. Now if you separate each piece of the harness so that it can be handled easily. Soak the pieces in good soap suds, made by dissolving a small quantity of hair soap in just enough water to cover the harness. As soon as the dirt has softened, remove every particle of dirt with a stiff brush. Hang up to dry, and when all the water has dried off, but while the leather is still soft and pliable, give a good dressing of harness oil. When the oil has dried in, carefully wipe every piece so as to remove any surplus oil that may not have been absorbed in any place, for this only catches dirt, which in time becomes hard to remove. Harness thus treated once a year will last much longer than if never oiled; it would be better if oiled more frequently, but even once a year will add greatly to the life of a set of harness. It is good management and wise economy to take time to oil the harness and keep it in first-class repair.

A Simple Ventilating System.

At the joint meeting of the Live Stock Breeders' Association, recently held in Winnipeg, Dr. Rutherford, M. P., in speaking of "stable hygiene," described briefly the system of ventilation that he had in his veterinary infirmary at Portage la Prairie. It was not his invention, he said, nor was it patented; it was very simple, but it worked. After several years' experience he found it did its work in all weathers and under all conditions. Briefly the system is as follows: In the center of the building is a ventilator



A SIMPLE VENTILATING SYSTEM.

shaft about 15 inches in diameter, provided with a damper, which can be opened or closed by rope from the stable floor. At each end of the stable are fresh air inlets, made by putting a square box or "U" pipe under the wall, as shown by the cut.

An iron grating is placed over the ends of the box. Now, when the atmosphere of the stable becomes warm, the air rises and escapes through the ventilator. If air goes out an equal amount must come in to supply the vacuum thus caused, and so a current of fresh air is drawn in by the fresh air supply pipes. The whole system is regulated by opening or closing the damper in the ventilator so suit the weather conditions and number of animals in the stable. The supply of fresh air works automatically, coming in only to supply the space of the heated air which has escaped.

Preparing to Plant the Garden.

I usually begin by gathering and burning all old stalks and vines and then giving a liberal coating of manure. There is no danger of too much. I have used as much as four inches of well rotted manure on naturally rich land, and the yield of tomatoes, cabbage, onions and potatoes was immense. I would plow very late in the spring, deep enough to cover the manure, but not over six or seven inches. I would not harrow down until spring. I like to harrow well, then disk thoroughly, then harrow again and then smooth with a float. The ground is then in good condition. Rows should be about three feet apart for horse cultivation, or 18 inches for hand cultivation. If berry bushes are to be planted there should be about six feet between rows after the first year. — E. Tatum in American Agriculturist.

SIDE-SPLITTING CARTOONS.

The Montreal Daily Star is issuing a set of cartoons entitled "The Bytown Coons," that are making the whole Dominion laugh. There is not a Grit who can look at them without relaxing even a long face, and gradually broadening down to a smile, a laugh and a ha ha, ha, ha. The Tories lie back in their seats and roar. The Bytown Coons are sketches on the Laurier Ministry and even the ministers themselves admit the cartoons are immense. The drawing of the Bytown Coons is worthy of Punch in its greatest days. The demand for the Montreal Star with the Bytown Coons has been such that the publishers have been powerless to meet it. There is a great demand for the publication in special form on high class paper, under special covers, the Bytown Coons, and the publishers of the Montreal Star, are issuing an edition to meet this demand, and telling the public have them as far as they last for ten cents complete. The circulation of the Bytown Coons in fact over eleven hundred thousand. A set can be had by forwarding ten cents to the Planet, accompanied by the attached coupon.

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