

The Planet

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INTEREST ON MONEY DECLINING.

The value of money is gradually decreasing, so that the person who is now getting four per cent on it is in luck. The future rate of interest on investments in Canada is at present receiving some attention.

If the world remains at peace a few years longer even the estimates of the capitalists about interest may turn out much too high.

ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION.

Mr. Whitney's measure against electoral corruption is a comprehensive one, and ought to do much towards eradicating from the province the bribery evil. We think, however, Mr. Whitney has made the punishment altogether too moderate.

Then, again, the law should make it somebody's business to ferret out the election crooks in each riding and have them punished whether there is a protest of the election or not.

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HOW ONTARIO HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON THE SURPLUS QUESTION.

The Toronto Globe accuses the opposition of running down the credit of the province because it still insists that there is no such thing in existence as the Mowat-Hardy-Ross surplus of six millions.

The opposition, it seems to us, has good cause to harp on this matter. Even on the commissioners' own showing of \$1,900,000, Sir Oliver Mowat's government for years and years must have been deceiving the people or else was so incompetent it really didn't know what surplus it had.

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Manitoba and the Liberal party seem to have no further use for one another.

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A gentleman just in from Gretna, a Menziesville village near Winnipeg, says it was reported about the town that a few pro-Boer individuals in the district intended burning an effigy of Her Majesty.

Is this the way those persecuted victims of the Autocrat of all the Russias repay the open-hearted assistance and generous freedom accorded them by this great section of the British Empire?

The opposition held that the expenditure of the province has exceeded the revenue since Confederation. On page 6 of the commissioners' report that charge is disposed of, as the receipts and expenditure for every year since Confederation down to the 31st of October last are given, showing an unexpended balance of \$596,878.96.

The Globe is mistaken. What the opposition held was that from Confederation to the fall of John Sandfield Macdonald's government the province had accumulated a surplus of \$3,500,000, which the Mowat government afterwards dissipated. If, as the Globe says, the commissioners could only find \$596,000 of that surplus left on October 31st last, it looks as if the charge were tolerably well-founded.

READY TO GIVE AWAY WHAT THEY DON'T WANT.

One reason why we have Christianity and civilization to give to the poor Filipinos is because we don't use much of them ourselves.

IT LEAVES NO LOOPHOLES.

Mr. Whitney's election bill is a good piece of legislation. If the government measure which Mr. Gibson is about to introduce is along the same lines, all who desire clean, fair elections should be satisfied.

THE FRANKING ABUSE.

Sir Richard Cartwright, during the wrangle in the House of Commons on the abuse of the franking privilege, occupied about as unenviable a position as a public man has been thrust into for a long time.

of by the party that the fund supplied for the propagation of the faith by contractors and other beneficiaries of Laurierism was drawn on for an appropriation, and a large edition of the report of Sir Richard's words was printed for distribution. Either because the fund was low, or that it was being nursed for the bye-elections, it was not deemed wise to take from it the amount necessary to pay the postage on such part of the issue as was sent to its destinations through the mails; so the pamphlets were taken into Sir Richard Cartwright's department, marked with the initials "R. T. C. T. C." and Mr. Mowat's initials did the rest.

HARD ON MRS. DEWEY.

Mrs. Dewey, who is booming the admiralty for the presidency, is quoted as saying that he is a republican and she a democrat, but that the people irrespective of party would vote for him.

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