

# The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY  
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WILL THE GOVERNMENT GET AFTER THE PAPER COMBINE.

The newspaper men are suffering now from a combine, and know how to sympathize with the general public where they have been affected by one or two things of that kind. This is a matter, too, that affects the general public, as many newspapers will be forced either to raise their prices, lose heavily, or go out of business. Eighteen out of twenty-two paper manufacturers have agreed to raise prices about twenty-five per cent., and bound themselves under heavy penalties to carry out their agreement. There does not seem to be any reason for the combination beyond a desire to increase profits unduly. Representations are being made to the Dominion government upon the subject, and ought to receive the attention of that body. The newspapers of the United States are being subjected to treatment of the same kind, only in a larger degree, the advances in price there being from sixty to one hundred per cent. The publishers there are moving to have the matter inquired into by a special committee of Congress. If the effect of the combination in Canada were only to stop the insane competition in the price of newspapers and printing which has taken place, it is perhaps, would not be an unmixed evil, but it is likely to do more than that. Even where the prices have been kept up to a reasonable figure, a large share of the legitimate profits will now be cut off, as it is almost, if not quite impossible, to raise the subscription price above what it is in these cases.

## A CHANGE IN SAN JOSE SCALE POLICY.

Hon. John Dryden has apparently got over his unfortunate hysterical outbreak concerning the San Jose scale. Unfortunately that will not bring back the numerous orchards in Kent ruthlessly and unnecessarily destroyed by Government agents during the Minister of Agriculture's fit of pique. However, it is satisfactory to know that a new and sane policy is henceforth to be pursued. In the Legislature on Thursday Hon. Mr. Dryden moved the second reading of a bill to amend the San Jose scale act. He explained that instead of the compulsory destruction of infested trees it was proposed by regulations to encourage the owners of orchards to treat trees that were infested by assisting them in the purchase of materials. He reviewed the experiences of the last three years in Ontario in connection with the San Jose scale, and the legislation that had been passed from time to time looking to the eradication of the pest. The scale was first discovered in Ontario in 1897, up to which time neither fruit-growers nor experts had any idea that it had gained a footing here. It was demonstrated beyond all doubt that it was really the San Jose scale by sending samples to Washington. Subsequently officers of the Government were sent to the United States to make investigations regarding the pest. The first discovery of the scale was made in the township of Niagara, and later on it was found in the county of Kent. It had been transmitted in both instances in stock received from a New Jersey nursery. By the same medium it was spread all over the United States. Investigation led to the discovery that a considerable shipment of infested stock had been imported into this country, and the Government were at considerable pains to trace it up and stamp it out by sending inspectors to various points. Mr. Dryden then spoke of the legislation enacted in order to cope with the difficulty. The inspectors had found the scale to exist particularly bad in two sections of the country, the Niagara district and the county of Kent. It was suggested now that the Government encourage the nurseries to treat their trees, not with the hope of eradicating it this year, but to prevent its spreading. The proposal was to make regulations in reference to the treatment of the scale with the Government bearing half the expense of the cost of treatment. The present amendment would not take away the power to destroy the trees.

By their precautionary methods the Government had destroyed the scale in at least 100 different places in the Province. It would take the scale a long time to spread all over the country, provided all the necessary stock was fumigated. Mr. Dryden said he would take the full responsibility for the action taken in the past, and thought it was fully justified by results.

Mr. Jeannet (Lincoln) charged that partiality was shown by the Government officials in their destruction of orchards infested by the scale. The Minister of Agriculture had been led into his line of action by men who were making money out of the scale. He thought \$50,000 had been expended, of which not one-fourth had gone into the pockets of those whose orchards had been destroyed. He defied the Minister to show that trees were actually destroyed by the scale, and attributed

the damage to such diseases as curl leaf.

Mr. Auld (South Essex) said the fruit-growers in his constituency were unanimously in favor of the destruction of the trees infested with the scale and of trying any remedy that would check the spread of the pest. It seemed difficult to satisfy Mr. Jeannet, who found fault with everything that was done.

Mr. Whitney read newspaper extracts purporting to show that great dissatisfaction existed with the methods of inspection.

Mr. Pardo could have thrown a lot of light on the methods followed in the Government's attempts to stamp out the scale. What Mr. Pardo didn't say would make very interesting reading. However, it might not have been pleasant for Hon. John Dryden, so Mr. Pardo kept quiet. Possibly he will relate to Mr. Dryden privately Kent's San Jose scale experiences.

The bill was read a second time.

To use a slang expression, if this city cannot float a pork factory it must be on the hog.

We can't understand yet how the Pears came to escape with those guns. Weren't the Canadians sent out after them?

The value of agricultural implements imported into Canada in 1896 under the Conservative tariff was \$465,917, and under the Laurier preferential tariff \$1,625,215.

Cream separators are admitted duty free, but cream biscuits pay a duty of 20 per cent. Both articles are manufactured in this country. Had the fact that the minister of customs is interested in the manufacture of cream biscuits anything to do with this faked Mr. Wallace.

A party of 30 Donkshobers have gone from the Northwest to California. They give as a reason for going that they want a warmer climate, and say that the whole lot will get out in the course of two or three years. These are the people the Canadian government spent thousands of dollars in coaxing out to Canada.

The bishop of Perth, in Western Australia, has sanctioned the use there of the following additional verse in the British national anthem:

God save our warriors all;  
Fighting at duty's call;  
Make wars to cease.

Be Thou in danger night;  
Shield when they fly on high.  
Those who in battle die;  
Grant them Thy peace.

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is indicated by little kernels in the neck. Sometimes they swell, become painful, soften, and end in a scar. Watch carefully, and just as soon as the kernels appear give

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The swellings will grow less and less until they disappear entirely. Continue the Emulsion until the child has good solid flesh and a healthy color.

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# THE DADDY OF THEM ALL.

There's a hearty stout old party lives beyond the northern sea, About as rough-about as tough-as a party well can be; Strong nerved, well preserved, handy, with his hands; With muscle for a tangle to enforce what he commands; He's big and bold, and a trifle old, and his habit's somewhat full, Recording fame inscribes his name as Old John Bull.

Rough John, tough John, bluff John Bull, With both feet getting there, and both hands full; His heart is full of kindness with never a drop of gall; And Old John Bull is the daddy of them all.

There's many a lad to call him dad, and take the old man's part, To share his fight and swell his might, and cheer his loving heart— To bear his flag from cliff to crag, when the echoing bugles blow— Ten thousand sons to man his guns, and thunder on the foe. From many a land, from many a strand, they come to the father's call, For Old John Bull is the daddy of them all.

Rough John, tough John, bluff John Bull, With a heap of human nature underneath his scanty wool— The cheeriest, heartiest, stoutest carl upon this earthly ball, For Old John Bull is the daddy of them all.

The waves that roll from pole to pole still carry him on his way, From the purple gleams of morning's beams, to the golden close of day; The heaving seas, the freshening breeze bear on his freighted ships; The roar that fills the startled hills leaps from his cannon's lips; The flags that fly to the blending sky are with his glory full— They bear the name and tell the fame of glorious Old John Bull.

Rough John, tough John, bluff John Bull, The man that carries his burden and the man that has a pull; The march of empire thunders where his martial footsteps fall, For Old John Bull is the daddy of them all.

—A. T. FREED, in Hamilton Spectator

Hamilton, April 3, 1900.

GOVERNMENT BY APOLOGY.

Montreal Gazette.

One of the worst signs for the Ross government in Ontario is that in connection with almost everything it is accused of its defence, is one of excuses and explanations. The columns of the party press are filled with them. It is no wonder the majority in the legislature is wobbly.

SO DIFFERENT FROM SIR WILFRID.

Hamilton Herald.

Hugh John Macdonald doesn't believe in prohibition himself; but the majority of the people in Manitoba appear in favor of prohibition, and he has made a prohibitory bill part of the program of the session of the legislature, which began yesterday. By honestly fulfilling his promises Hugh John will keep the confidence of the people.

SOMETHING GONE WRONG.

St. John, N. B. Sun.

There is something wrong with the government papers of Canada. Mr. Fielding has announced a surplus of nearly five million dollars and has predicted one of nearly seven millions for the current year. Yet we do not find the Grit papers wailing about millions wrung from the pockets of the people by unjust and unnecessary taxes nor crying out against the iniquitous tariff which has enabled the government to grind out of the poor man all these awful millions. In fact those papers applaud Mr. Fielding and ask for more. Compared with their attitude toward the Liberal-Conservative government, what a spectacle of inconsistency. But they have their reward. They draw their pay.

IF TWO CENT POSTAGE WHY NOT TWO CENT RAILWAY FARES?

Woodstock Express.

Penny postage is a success. The loss occasioned by the decrease in rate has been or will be made up by an increase in business, and the P. M. G. is able to say that perhaps within a year the revenue will be equal to what it was before the reduction. If the postal revenue has not suffered perceptibly by a reduction from three cents to two cents, why could not a two-cent passenger rate be adopted by the railways without a loss of revenue? The experiences of railways in the United States and of our own roads during the cut-rate wars, go to show that the experiment would not be too great a risk.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All struggles refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. GUYRE'S signature in each box.

LITERARY NOTES.

McCLURE'S FOR APRIL.

In sureness and variety of attraction, it would be hard to surpass McClure's Magazine for April. The account of the interior of China, especially with reference to its rich promises as a market for America, written by Mr. W. B. Parsons, Chief Engineer of the American China Development Company, from observation made on his own journey, and illustrated very fully from photographs taken by him; the account of Professor Huxley's life in London when he was having a terrible struggle to maintain himself by purely scientific work, with its self-revealing passages for his unpublished correspondence and its new portrait of him; and the account of the Russian ship "Ermenak," the marvelous new ice-breaker, that gives promise of being able to cut a passage for her self to the Pole—these are all, in their several ways, articles of the strongest interest and the highest value.

A C. P. R. passenger train was wrecked near Janglewood. Postal Clerk Jessup had to be chopped out with an axe while the car was on fire. The mail was all burned, but no one was seriously hurt.

James Baxter, who is now in Montreal jail setting up his business before removal on Saturday to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, has consented to assign for the benefit of his creditors at the instance of C. L. Reinhardt.

Admiral's Candidacy Blamed for a Chicago Murder.

Chicago, April 7.—One man was killed and another badly injured in a fight here growing out of an argument over Admiral Dewey's candidacy for president. Eugene Tucker, a colored man, was shot and instantly killed by George Miller, a barber. The latter was badly cut about the throat with a razor and may die. Both men had been drinking. Blows were struck and then the negro attacked Miller with a razor. Miller drew his revolver and fired six shots. Two of them entered Tucker's body.

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