

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

A GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR LIKELY!

While not professing to know any more about the matter than anybody else, The Planet, as it has said before, does not believe the Ottawa government will summon up courage to face the people until forced to do so. At the same time we believe the ministry have had the idea of an early appeal in their minds for nearly a year. Their intention at present, even, may be for a general election next fall. But when the session is over and the government's supporters get home and around their constituents a change may come over the situation. They will find it difficult to convince the electors at large of the beneficence of Liberal rule, when the said electors know they are daily paying out more for the necessities of life than they ever paid out before. The consequence of this will be that another session will be found necessary to do a lot of tariff tinkering, or rather to undo a large portion of the tinkering that has already been done.

We may, of course, be wrong, and it will do no harm anyway to get ready for any emergency, but at the same time we cannot believe for a moment the Laurier government will pursue such a suicidal course as to rush into an election with things as they are.

Take the average elector. He is making no more money than he was before 1896. But he is paying a dollar for 18 or 20 pounds of sugar, where he used to get 28 and 30. He is paying 18 to 20 cents for a gallon of coal oil that used to cost him 10 or 12 cents. If he happens to be a farmer his binder twine is costing double what it formerly did. And so on with many other articles. Now, no matter whether this increase is due to tariff tinkering or to other causes, every citizen realizes that he is being hit hard and straight financially. It is none less than he was. He knows it worse off than he was. He knows it personally from dealing out the cash day by day. Now, what good under those circumstances will it be to talk trade returns and big surpluses to a man? He will judge the government's whole policy by the unpleasant situation of it which comes in contact with his own pocket, and it is easy for even the warmest friend of the government to surmise what the result will be? Is it probable, therefore, that the Liberal leaders will not find all this out when they approach the people, and in consequence make an attempt to avert defeat by holding another session to pass all kinds of patchwork legislation?

Our esteemed local contemporary seems to have another bad attack of Tupperphobia.

The tendency of the age is towards public ownership, but every fresh gift the present Liberal Government are so fond of making to private friends will make the change doubly difficult and extremely costly when the time comes for it.

The vote of one and a half million acres of land to Promoter Clarke for his tramway went through the legislature of a strict party vote. It is difficult to tell where the Ross Government will land this province before the electors get another opportunity to turn them out.

London, England, is to have a religious duty as a regular institution. A. E. Clarke, of Wembley, is to be the editor. The paper will be called the New Daily. The object of the new paper is to set forth in the first pages of its issue daily with this journal to advocate daily with all fearlessness and candor a return to those first principles of our Christian profession from which we have so grossly departed; to promote meditation, to encourage criticism and discussion, and to do the utmost possible to supply a good daily with the least possible parade and expense.

A BIG CORN AREA.
National Stockman.
Everything points to an enormous area of corn this year. The market price, the prospect of another year of profitable stock feeding and the numerous barren wheat fields all favor a big acreage. But it must be remembered that this country can make use of a big crop, and that a wide area is necessary to produce it. The uses of corn are multiplying. The amount sold from farms is increasing every year and so is the quantity fed to animals. Cattle, hog, sheep and horse feeding are all growing industries so far as consumption of corn is concerned, for they are taking more of it every year. Much range stock that formerly went to market almost entirely off grass is now finished with corn; the gluton industry has been to a great extent transformed into a lamb fattening business. In these and other directions, such as manufacturing and exportation, the consumption of corn is surely gaining on the production. An extraordinary crop,

"Pride Goeth Before a Fall."

Some proud people think they have strong constitutions, and ridicule the idea of disease. Such people neglect their health, let the blood run down, and their stomach, kidneys and liver become deranged.

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Running Sore.—My mother was troubled with rheumatism in her knee for a number of years, and it broke out into a running sore. She took three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and is now well. Hood's Olive Ointment helped to heal the sore. Mrs. JOHN FARR, Cloverlawn, Ancaster, Ont.

Bowel Trouble.—My mother, Mrs. John Ried, suffered with bowel trouble for four years and tried different doctors, but obtained no relief until she began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Three bottles of this medicine entirely cured her. Lizzie Ried, Tracy Station, N. B.

Scorfula.—An abscess on my hip was lanced and never healed. Another broke out on the other hip and the next year three more appeared. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and it helped me. Since taking six bottles of the medicine I have not been troubled, and the eruptions had disappeared for seven years. Mrs. FRANKLIN H. TRED, Freetown, N. S.

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with comparatively low prices, is still among the possibilities, but the day has forever gone by when a crop of 2,000,000,000 bushels will bring the price down to fuel point.

THE FIRST APOLOGIST.

Montreal Gazette.
Mr. Tarte is unique in several ways. In no way, however, is he more out of the common than in being the first man holding the position of a British minister to apologize to a foreigner for his country doing its duty when war was declared against the sovereign. His Journal de Paris interview should live.

SAYS SHE WAS HYPNOTISED.

Qskoksk (Wis.) Northwestern.

A strange story is circulated at Clintonville in connection with the oratorical contest between the pupils of that place and Shawano recently. One of the declaimers was a Miss Williams, but when she was half through her piece she had what appeared to be a fainting spell, and her effort was a complete failure. In consequence, she was hypnotized by a young woman from Shawano who sat in the audience, declaring that when the latter caught her eye she found it impossible to look away, and that a spell of complete forgetfulness came over her. It is further claimed that this young lady from Shawano has a wonderful power as a hypnotist, and has caused much trouble in the Shawano school, where she is a student.

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Has your insurance run out? Have you tried frizzled mutton? Harriet says please don't give the hogs frozen swill.

That's right, get mad once in a while; at such times keep your mouth shut. It is a good time to swear off from rum, tobacco and cuss words.

Start to educate your grandchildren now by teaching yourself. Something to remember—the pigs and chickens like clover hay.

Whimsy cumber all new enterprises; experience prunes them off. Big shoulders of the farm may be sunk where they are, rather than be hauled off.

Make a proper garden; that is plan now for spring planting. Order your seeds now.

Some men are especially economical when they buy for their wives. That isn't right.

When your neighbor talks louder than you, it is a sign that he is wrong and you are right.

If anybody wants to do your thinking for you say to him, "No, I thank you, I can do it myself."

The newest idea is to filter milk. This is done through sand, and is practiced in several European cities.

If the day be bitter cold and you have a long journey to make, take the lantern along, lighted, under the robe.

Milk the heifer with first calf as long as you can get a drop, clear up to the second calf. This will make her a better cow.

A cow will give about so much milk in a year, no matter what time she comes in, and she should be bred so as to produce milk during the whole of the season of best prices.

The Vegetable Grower.

To procure large specimens for show purposes seeds should be sown now in greenhouse or hotbed. Sow rather thickly in flats filled with soil composed of two-thirds good loam, the other third of leaf mould and sand in equal portions. When well up remove to a light, airy situation to prevent drawing, and as soon as the plants have attained sufficient size for handling, or begin to get crowded, they should be picked over, allowing about half an inch each. A father heavier soil can be used this time, but it should not be too rich. Shading will be advantageous for a few days until they begin to take hold, but after that give all the air and light possible to keep the plants stout and stocky. If they can be kept in this condition until the time for transplanting to the open ground arrives, they will be found to be easier and more satisfactory to handle, and the danger of their receiving a check is considerably lessened.

It is well to have a few of these large sized onions, even although exhibiting is not contemplated; they are good for fall and early winter use, but do not keep so well as the smaller and firmer ones that have been sown and grown out of doors. The larger growing varieties, such as Prize-Taker and Giant Rocco, are the most commonly used, though almost any of the others may be employed, and will attain extra size under this treatment.

These also, if large size is desired, or showing be contemplated, may be grown under similar treatment to the foregoing up to the planting out stage, when a trench should be prepared for them similar to that employed for celeriac. They are gross feeders, love abundance of soil around them is kept loose and well stirred. To have the stem or white part as long as possible they should be kept frequently earthed up, according as the hearts grow. To help draw the hearts up paper collars can be used with advantage. These are drawn up as the plants grow and the space below filled up with soil. In this way the white can be grown to a length of eighteen inches; we have seen them even more, but liberal feeding and good cultivation must be given to give them a proportionate thickness. WM. SCOTT, N. Y.

A Winter Force.
After twenty years' experience as a force of tomatoes, William Nicholson, South Framlingham, Mass., tells us that Sutton's Best of All and Frogmore come nearer to his ideal of a winter force than all others. He tried last season a house 100 feet in length and twenty in width, which yielded a crop of 4,500 pounds of fine fruit. In it he tried six kinds and attributed the success to the two named, and this season is growing no others.

Mr. Nicholson has always been a keen observer and has kept a close record on the behavior of the kinds he has grown, and the results obtained in the way of price, etc., and he has this to say: "Years ago when I used to get \$1 and more per pound hotel keepers wanted a small tomato that they could serve up as a portion. Now, with tomatoes averaging from 25 cents to 35 cents per pound during the winter season find hotel keepers and chefs generally find them and they can afford to slice them, and consequently a larger tomato is required."

And herein lies the value of the varieties in question. They grow to a good size and are solid; also they sat freely. Mr. Nicholson inclines to the opinion that English varieties always make better winter forces than do the American kinds, the foreigner makes better foliage and grows more strongly during the winter. He claims here is the reason of a better set of fruit. Mr. Nicholson follows chrysanthemums with his tomatoes, consequently he grows all his plants in pots.

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Not on an Equality.
"Ah, here is my friend the dodo," affably spoke the J. Fenimore Cooper Indian.
"We can sympathize with each other, friend dodo. We are both extinct."

"There can be no sympathy between us," coldly replied the dodo, turning its tall feathers on the other shade. "I really existed once and you never did."

—Chicago Tribune.

She Picked Him, But Loved Him Not.
"Then I may not hope to bring you to my way of thinking?" faltered the despairing lover.

The beautiful Bostonian shuddered. "No," she replied, "for it is apparent that you think as the multitude think, that is, from the particular to the particular, while I shall always prima causa volente think from the general to the particular."

She pitted him; but pity was far from love.—Detroit Journal.

Another View of It.
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