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### THE MODERN SHYLOCK.

Readers of The Planet who yesterday perused the account of the Police Court case, in which a poor fellow named Phelps figured as the prisoner, were told an impressive story.

Aaron Moreatsky, a Jew junk dealer in Windsor, believed that Phelps had misappropriated money forwarded to him. With the keen instincts of the Hebrew he followed the unfortunate farmer to Chatham, whither the latter had moved, and placed his case in the hands of the officers. Subsequent to Phelps' arrest Moreatsky, in company with a policeman, visited the comfortable apartments which Phelps called home, and found there a sickly wife and seven thin and sparsely clad children.

And the Jew—one generally reviled, called heartless, mercenary, "sheeny,"—forgave the debt and misdemeanor. More—he pleaded with the Magistrate for leniency. In his own words to the Court,—"Ven I go dere mit mineelf and see, pity come in me. I am so sorry I cry mineelf."

The unfortunate was released. But the costs were still to be paid. And this resulted in another disclosure.

Phelps said he would endeavor to raise the amount. His uncertainty occasioned questioning from the Court and the revelation that the man was loaded down with an extortionate mortgage on his team—apparently now his only possession—at three per cent. per month. His evidence disclosed the information that the team was mortgaged in September last for \$77, that, in addition to other payments, he had sold his cow for \$35 and paid the money thereon, and that his present indebtedness on the mortgage was \$961.

And the Hebrew, doubtless accustomed to sharp dealing and big dividends, found in this matter for mute amazement. His sympathy for the poor mortgagee was so aroused that he volunteered to take up the load for him at a reasonable interest.

That's the story. And yet oftentimes the individuals who play the part of the modern Shylock, in such tragedies, are men of established social and religious standing.

If the facts are as stated on oath in open court and if, as The Planet has been informed, such dealings are not unique throughout the district, this journal wants to here and now, firmly and publicly, express its condemnation of conditions and men who make them possible. They are a disgrace to civilized and Christian communities, and the Government should pass such stringent measures as would effectually stamp out this atrocious usury.

It may be that the man Norris Phelps was an improvident scapegoat or it may be that he was an honest farmer in unfortunate circumstances. The Planet does not know, nor, for the purpose of what this journal has to say, does it care. The fact remains that the mercenary, grasping instincts of modern Shylockism drove him to the commission of a crime in order to care for his sickly wife and feed his little children—and that these practices are tolerated and winked at in our community.

As has been said, this is not an isolated case. There are, perhaps, scores of other unfortunate farmers throughout the district who have fallen into the snares of these leeches that infest the cities and towns to extort a sumptuous life of ease from the sweat of the brow, the worry of the brain and the spirit of the life of their victims. It is time it was stopped—and The Planet believes publicity will aid this end.

We are told that often such individuals as have been described are pillars in the church. Well—so much the worse for the church.

Christianity teaches the brotherhood of man, the spirit of liberality, of honorable, just and fair-minded dealing. And it will only deteriorate the influence and efficacy of the

church to tolerate—even if it does not condone—these prostitutes of Christianity.

### PRISON LABOR ON ROADS.

The Toronto News says: To those who have taken part in the movement for the improvement of the country roads of this province, it will be interesting to hear that other parts of the continent are beginning to recognize the importance of good roads to commerce, and to realize that without them no country can have cheap transportation, however well supplied it may be with railways. The last half-century may be called the era of railway building. On this continent money was poured out upon them like water, and people were scarcely to be blamed if they were carried away by the magnificent projects which almost annihilated time and space, and made the two oceans next door neighbors, and so forgot for a time the humble wagon road, or left its improvement to the unskilled efforts of the farmers who lived along it. All that, however, is past, and men seem to be awakening to the fact that good roads are almost, if not quite, as necessary to cheap and rapid transportation as railways themselves. As an evidence of the attention the subject is now receiving in the United States, we have only to turn to the great convention which was held in the State of Virginia last week, and which was attended by the commander-in-chief of the army, representatives of two departments, a host of Senators, and representatives from States in every quarter of the Union, presidents of three of the most important railways in the country, naval officers, college professors, leading financiers, and others eminent in various walks of life. It would have been impossible to have got together such a large and representative gathering except for the consideration of something which was felt to be of first-class importance. Senator Hanna, of Ohio, who was one of the principal speakers, went to the length of saying that good roads were as important to transportation as railways were, and no one contradicted him. The great difficulty which confronted them was the lack of funds, but that problem was partly solved by the decision to get short-term convicts, tramps, vagrants and some other classes of prisoners at work on road improvement. This is an idea which is worth considering by our own Legislature. The million dollars which was voted for roads seems a large sum, but in this extensive province it will not go far, and there seems no reason why it should not be eked out by utilizing prison labor. We hear a great deal about the Provincial Government's generosity to roads, but when we consider the subsidies of three and five thousand dollars a mile that are given every year to railways which are of no particular public service, even a million dollars does not seem a very large sum to spend on such an important part of our transportation system as our roads. Before the whole province is covered with highways, and they are brought up to the proper standard, many millions will have to be spent, but in the meantime we should economize in our outlay in every possible way, and if by using prison labor we can make the appropriation stretch out twice as far as without it, we do not see why the public should not get the benefit of it.

### UPS AND DOWNS.

Beef has gone up and as a probable consequence, less of it will go down.

### GOING TO EXTREMES.

They don't "hug the machine" in Quebec. They squeeze the life out of it.

### IT WAS IN THE AIR.

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### BUT PAUL QUOTES ONLY THE BIBLE.

Detroit Tribune.  
Twenty-four relatives of Oom Paul, including his oldest son, have taken the oath of allegiance to Great Britain, and the text is "How sharper than a serpent's tooth," etc.

### DEFINITE RESULTS.

Galt Reporter.  
In the neighboring republic can today be found between thirty and forty mechanics who were on the pay rolls of the wooden mills in Hespeler four years ago. They left Canada because work was scarce here while jobs were easy to get across the line. Their departure was due to the preferential tariff.

### UNBROTHERLY TREATMENT.

Canadian Law Review.  
A lawyer, while bathing, was attacked by a shark. He managed to beat off his assailant and struggle back to shore. Once in safety on the beach he shook his fist at the retreating and disappointed shark and gasped out: "You brute! That's the most abominable breach of professional etiquette I have ever known."

### THE PHRASE SEEMS FAMILIAR.

Montreal Star.  
The correspondence between the Governor of Louisiana and Secretary Hay with reference to the recruiting of American mules for the British army in South Africa has been published. The American authorities appear to have displayed excellent judgment in the matter. We think it can be established to the satisfaction of congress that the United States government did not send the mules to South Africa; it only "permitted them to go."

### CLEAN MONEY.

Ottawa Journal.  
Neither the banks nor the government have a moral right to keep in circulation so much as a single dirty bill, if any reasonable means exists of getting it out of circulation. A bill represents money upon which the banks or government pay no interest—they get the use of the money free. With a business advantage like that the banks can richly afford to give clean bills; the government on public grounds owes clean money to the people.

### OUTWORN SLANG.

Toronto Globe.  
The worst use of slang is not when it is fresh and piquant, but when it becomes stale and passes into the regular vocabulary of the people, to the exclusion of good English. Such expressions as, "I can see his finish," when they are first uttered, are often used with considerable humorous effect. But the language is impoverished and vulgarized by the habitual use of "turn down" for reject, "call down" for a mild rebuke, "roast" for a severe one, etc. After these expressions have been used for a certain time, they ought to be taken out of circulation, along with the ragged bank notes.

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