

The Planet

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TRUSTED, BUT DECEIVED.

Mr. George A. Morris writes to the Montreal Witness, as follows:

"When you state that 'there is a large body of Liberals who on many matters of political principle and practice have been forced into an attitude of disapproval, and even of opposition, to the Dominion Liberal government,' you state a fact that will be verified when the result of the next Dominion election is announced, and if this be true in regard to other matters, it is doubly so in regard to the prohibition plebiscite.

"I have given the Liberal party active support for over ten years.

"I can do so no longer.

"I have no love for the Conservative party, but I will use them to defeat and punish the Liberals.

"There are a great many honest men amongst the masses who feel very sore over this matter.

"They trusted and have been deceived and utterly ignored; they will be heard from at the polls."

TOO MUCH SCHOOL.

Editor Edward Bok has an article in the January Home Journal, in which he denounces the American system of cramming school children as "a national crime at the feet of American parents." He says:

No child under fifteen years of age should be given any home study whatever by his teachers. He should have not more than from one hour to four of schooling each day, the hours increasing with his years. Outside of school hours he should have at least three hours of play. After fifteen the brain has another period of rapid development, with special increase of the higher faculties. Four hours of schooling, then, is not too much, provided the child's physical being is capable of it, and in time an hour of isolated study may be added. But that is enough. Five hours of brain work a day is the most that we should ask of our children, and the child should pass at least two hours a day in the open air. Our boys and girls do not get enough fresh air and sunshine into their bodies and natures. The higher institutions of learning understand the need of physical development for brain growth far better than do our lesser schools and our homes—sad as it is to admit it.

The Ontario government has passed an order in council prohibiting the export of pulp wood in its raw condition after April 30th next. Score another for the Conservative policy.

If the city engineer carries out his announcement in regard to keeping corporation gangs at work clearing the city sidewalks on the frontage tax system, it ought to make plenty of work for the unemployed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says he permitted the Canadians to enlist in the British service for South Africa. That bears out the charge of his opponents that Mr. Tarte sent the first contingent C. O. D. and is sending the second the same way.

The Ontario Government has definitely applied the manufacturing clause to spruce cut from crown lands. This act is a notice to the owners of timber rights that the wood after April 30 must be made into pulp in Canada. The Government's course probably means that the business of the province will be considerably increased at the expense of the United States.—Buffalo Express.

That is one way of looking at it. Another is, that Canada proposes to utilize for her own advantage, instead of allowing the United States the whole benefit, one of the rich sources of profit with which nature has furnished her.

The South African war has demonstrated the fact that the days of cavalry horses instead of being over are just commencing. The necessity for mounted infantry in war has been shown to be so great that the demand for well built saddle horses for the next few years will probably be enormous. Most of the foot regiments of the great powers will undoubtedly be mounted as quickly as the change can be made. This will be a good thing for the horse breeders and hay raisers of America, but it will vastly increase the cost of keeping up the standing armies of Europe.

The year 1900 is not a leap year because, while divisible by 4, it is not divisible by 100. The length of the year, it is stated by the astronomers, is 8,655 hours 48 minutes and 46 seconds. For these odd hours and minutes a day is added every four years, but it will be seen that the addition of 24 hours is a little too much—so a further correction is made by dropping out the extra day in three out of every 400 years. So the year 4,000 will not be leap year, although it will be divisible both by 4 and by 100. It is to be hoped that the people on earth in the year 4,000 will remember this and not have such a time about it as we of 1899 have had over the end of the century.

The annual report of the Ontario license department shows the same decline in license revenue which has been manifest during the past few years. In 1874 there were 6,185 licenses; in 1897 there were 3,160; in 1898 3,123; and now there are 3,040. Of this number 2,584 are ordinary licenses; 97 beer and wine; 64 are for six months; 312 shop, and 23 wholesale. The revenue from the licenses amounted to \$587,381, compared to \$602,853 in the year before. Of this \$232,589 went to the municipalities and \$231,523 to the province.

Those who are denouncing the British generals now in the field, and even suggesting the recall of some of them, should ponder on the career of Wellington. As an English writer puts it: "It is a matter of history that the corporation of London petitioned for his recall after Talavera. Had modern conditions prevailed, it is hardly possible that he would have been allowed to prolong his resistance behind the lines of Torres Vedras. The retreat from Burgos would have been magnified into a disaster necessitating instant recall, and the immediate publication of the awful slaughter roll of Albuera would have roused the nation to a frenzy incompatible with the steady prosecution of the campaign."

Dr. Bryce, the Provincial Registrar-General for Ontario, in his report of deaths for 1899 states that the total number of deaths was 21,370, or 11.5 per cent. per 1,000. This is a remarkably low death rate and shows that Ontario is very healthy, the death rate being lower than any other country within the British Empire. The figures of marriages for the province for 1899 show the total number of marriages to have been 15,293—an increase of 381 over previous year. In five cities there was a decrease of 122 marriages over 1897, while in the rest of the cities of the province the increase amounted to 506. More Methodists married than any other denomination, the number of persons being 10,382. There were 6,400 Presbyterians wedded, 4,902 Anglicans, 4,657 Roman Catholics and 1,908 Baptists.

A COMMA MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Kansas City Journal.

By a misplaced comma, a paper in Greeley county raised a dickens of a row. It said: "Two young men from Leoti went with their girls to Tribune to attend the teachers' institute and, as soon as they left, the girls got drunk." The comma belonged after the girls.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VIGOR.

Dundas Banner.

Sir Charles Tupper was thrown out of a conveyance while driving and was somewhat jarred, but not seriously. He is a wonderful old man and is in his 79th year. At his time of life most men are content to toast their toes before the grate fire and leave politics to younger men, but Sir Charles feels that the world is out of joint and that he was born to see it right. There is no other man like him in Canada for his age on the platform and in getting from place to place. He seems to be eternally on the move and talking all the time.

It is an Ill Blast That Moves Nobody Good



Uncle Reub—Wonder what's in that thar gratin?
"Whew!"

Two Ladies of Fashion Meet.

A family living in a North Side flat welcomed a new housemaid last week. The girl had just come from Michigan and her appearance was prepossessing. Soon after her advent it was discovered that she was inclined to treat the family with a patronizing air.

"Mary, you must do better, or I shall have to find some one to take your place," the mistress remarked the other morning.

"I don't allow any one to speak to me that way," replied Mary, with a toss of her head. "I'm just as good as you are and I want you to know it."

Mary flounced out of the room and returned in two minutes with the weekly paper from her town. Among the social items was the following:

"Miss Mary Hanson has gone to Chicago to spend the winter. Miss Hanson is an acknowledged belle in the leading circles of Sawdust Creek."

Mary waited until her employer had had time to read the "personal," and then said with withering scorn:

"As I have always been accustomed to going with the best in my town, and as I don't believe you ever have your name on the society page of the Sunday papers, I guess I can't afford to stay with you."

The North Side woman declared the domestic incident closed.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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WOMEN TALK THE MOST.

In 1,000 Couples Observer Finds 751 Girls Lead the Chat.

"There it is again. Just what I had made up my mind to long ago," exclaimed the wag as they were standing upon the street corner, elongating the elastic substance in their necks at the passing female population.

"What's that?" replied the other, inquiringly.

"See that couple—that fellow and girl? Notice anything about them?"

"Nothing in particular. Don't see but that they conduct themselves about as any other couple does. Don't see that they differ from the general run at all."

"That's just the point; they're doing just as the general run of 'em do," retorted the wag with apparent satisfaction. "Yet people don't notice anything peculiar regarding it."

"What are you driving at, anyway, old man? Explain yourself," demanded his companion.

"Well, it's just this. For several weeks past I've been taking observations to determine the relative amount of time a woman talks to the number of times a man is permitted to speak when they are alone in each other's company. At last I have discovered a safe ratio, and what it is you can easily determine for yourself when I give you the figures."

With this he drew forth a notebook, and continued: "I've taken 1,000 couples, and, as they passed me, noted which one whether the man or woman was doing the talking. The snatches of conversation I caught while they might have been interesting as a subject for further thought did not interest me. I've been dealing in mathematics only. These figures are accurate and taken with great care. The couple who just passed us was the one thousandth I have observed. The other nine hundred and ninety-nine were all positive can be safely relied upon."

"Out of 1,000, I have noted, just as they came, mark you, the man was talking 139 times. In those instances, I expect, there must have been something the matter with the vocal chords of his female companion, but, however, I won't attempt to explain it away."

27 cases both were making an effort to be heard. The woman was doubtless successful in the end, but I never followed them up to see. Eighty-three times I observed that silence reigned, another phenomenon for which I am unable to offer any explanation. But listen—may, hearken—here is the record of the fair ones. Before the appearance of this last couple I had 750 times charged against them, 750 times out of 1,000 where their man was the only auditor. One last instance completes the 1,000, and makes the grand total 751. Try and see if your figures do not come about the same."

Seasonable Desserts.

Cherry Dumplings.—Cover the bottom of a tumbler with seeded cherries, and sprinkle with sugar; add a couple of pinches of good baking-powder dough then more cherries and dough until the tumbler is three-fourths full. Stand the tumbler in a steamer, cover tightly, and steam forty-five minutes. Serve with hard sauce flavored with nutmeg.

Cherry Pudding.—Beat two eggs until light, add one scant pint of milk, one level teaspoonful of salt and enough flour to make a stiff batter, mixing two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder in the first cupful put in. Now add as many cherries as can be stirred in. Steam two hours or bake an hour. Serve with fruit sauce.

Cherry Roly-poly.—Of course, it is understood that one of the best uses to make of cherries is to put them in the ever-popular roly-poly. The biscuit-dough should not be very short, and should be rolled as thin as it can be handled. Spread the fruit on thickly, and sprinkle heavily with sugar. Dip the pudding-cloth in hot water, wring dry and flour well. Arrange the cloth at the end of the dough so that when it is rolled another turn or two will carry it into place, where it may be tied up loosely enough to admit of swelling. Hard sauce flavored with nutmeg is best for roly-poly.

Sunshine Dessert.—Bake sunshine cake in small, straight-sided individual pans. With a cutter cut almost to the bottom, taking out the inside, leaving a shell. Fill with fine strawberries over which some pineapple has been grated; sweeten, add just a few drops (three or four) of brandy, and cover the whole with whipped cream. There must not be enough pineapple to be distinguishable. It gives the strawberries an indescribable flavor.

Tipsey Pudding.—Molten the little round cut from the small cakes mentioned above with either Maderia, sherry or rum; cover with whipped cream or rich custard.

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