

The Planet

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ON THE STREET.

City children have some rights to the streets that must be respected. Such, at least, is the effect of the decision recently handed down by Chancellor Boyd and Justices Ferguson and Robertson in the divisional court in the matter of the appeal by the plaintiff from the decision of Mr. Justice Falconbridge in Ricketts vs. Town of Markdale, allowing the appeal. The action had been brought by the father of a 7-year-old boy who was fatally injured by a trolley on which he was playing, slewing and rolling on him. It was admitted that the trolley had been negligently placed partly on the sidewalk, and that the damage accruing to the father through the death of his son amounted to \$400, but the trial judge found that the boy was guilty of contributory negligence in playing on the highway, and therefore dismissed the action.

The divisional court allowed the appeal on the ground that the child had a right to play on the street, and ordered judgment entered for the father for the sum of \$400 and costs; the claim of the town against Ryan, the owner of the trolley, for indemnity was dismissed, their lordships finding that he was not responsible for the placing of the trolley.

Mr. Justice Robertson made the following observations in the course of his judgment: "The highway is property of the public, and so long as it is not obstructed unduly by the person using it, that person, whether adult or infant of tender years, has a right to the use of it, and should be or she be injured while so using it, by reason of it being out of repair, the municipality, whose duty it is to keep it in repair, is responsible for all damage sustained by such person."

There are few judges more level-headed than Mr. Justice Robertson, and his judgments usually show good sound sense. Take, this case, for instance. If people had no legal right to go on the street for amusement purposes nine-tenths of the population would be barred. While they do not all follow the recreation of playing on trolley piles, the great majority go out for their own pleasure, whether it's to stroll, attend the theatre, make calls or do something else that could not be strictly termed "business." And if Mr. Justice Falconbridge's decision had been allowed to stand where would the line have been drawn? If small children were excluded from playing on the streets, would he have allowed larger ones, and if so, what would the age limit be? Again, if he excluded larger ones, where would he draw the line between youths and adults? It may not be the proper thing for parents to permit their children to play on the streets, but if they choose to do so, the streets are there for the public use, as Mr. Justice Robertson says, and in the absence of any law properly defining the rights of infants, it seems hardly compatible with the dignity of the high court of the province of Ontario to expect it to lay down nursery regulations in the matter.

PRACTICAL PROPOSALS FOR THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

A most important bill was introduced into the Legislature Friday afternoon by Mr. Whitney, leader of the Opposition. It is one to amend the Election Act, and provides that in every case the returning officer shall be a resident of the electoral district. On the day of nomination the returning officer shall announce the names of the deputy returning officers. Each deputy returning officer shall be a resident of the polling sub-division in which he acts. The deputy returning officers shall be sworn in by the returning officer. The ballots shall be printed by the Queen's printer, and the numbered ballot shall be abolished. The ballots and the printed direction to voters shall be furnished by the returning officer to the deputy returning officers two days before the poll. Each poll clerk shall be a resident voter in the polling sub-division in which he acts. Agents shall not be given certificates allowing them to vote in polling places other than where they reside. The oath of the deputy returning officer shall be taken by the returning officer. The returning officer is to attend the opening of the poll, and shall count the ballots to be used in the presence of the candidates or agents, who shall be allowed to examine the same. The ballot box shall be placed on a table. The returning officer shall give a statement of the result, whether requested to do so or not, and the candidates or agents shall be allowed to write their names across the flap of the envelopes after they have been sealed. The ballot boxes are to be delivered to the returning officer by the deputy or the poll clerk. The returning officer is empowered, when a deputy returning officer has failed to sign his return, to count the bal-

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lots and sign the statement himself. A recount may be had where the majority is not more than 100. Bribers, receivers of bribes, personators and persons who exercise undue influence to receive six months' imprisonment in addition to the money penalty of two hundred dollars. Persons who vote more than once are to suffer three months' imprisonment, in addition to a similar penalty. Then the most important change of all is the provision that where at an election the evidence shows corrupt practice or other illegal acts to have been committed, the judges shall be directed to appoint counsel to prosecute them, either the county attorney or another counsel, to be named by the solicitor for the petitioner, or a counsel to be named by the court, and all counsel and witnesses fees to be paid by the Province. Returning officers and other persons altering or falsifying poll books to receive six months' imprisonment, in addition to a money penalty. This provision is made for the protection of witnesses who give evidence in good faith. The provisions of the bill are far-reaching, and if adopted, will have a most beneficial effect, particularly that which instructs the judges to proceed at once in the trials of persons accused of illegal acts of all kinds, and provides that unprejudiced counsel shall conduct the prosecutions.

Mr. Gibson, Attorney-General, stated that these proposals of Mr. Whitney covered a number of matters with which he proposed to deal in a measure which he was now preparing on the subject. So that with the Opposition and the Government both striving for a good anti-corruption measure we ought to get one as nearly perfect as possible.

The approach of another full moon is heralded by the "letters to the editor," which the Banner is again writing to itself.

A journal devoted to hygiene and physical culture, highly recommends penicillin as a school lunch for boys and girls. It sets forth both great value as food, being both wholesome and nutritious, and also good for the blood when properly masticated. It might add that they would also prove useful as missiles when the teacher's back was turned.

It is announced that after many experiments, successful machinery has been set up at Balsam Lake, near Peterboro, for the drying of the peat found there. Through a process of squeezing to take the water out and then furnace-drying the peat, a marketable commodity, it is claimed, can be produced at a profit. Heretofore the wet peat has had to be dug out and sun-dried, and this made the process of manufacture very slow.

Patrick O'Brien, Nationalist member for Kilkenny, wants to know whether the British Government will give a shilling to each Irish soldier on St. Patrick's Day to enable him fittingly to celebrate the occasion by "drowning the Shamrock," which the Queen has requested him to wear as a memento of Irish bravery in South Africa.

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN APOLOGIZED FOR.

Detroit Tribune. The wrecking of a British consulate at Bordeaux, France, may prove a costly pastime. Britain usually thoroughly investigates such antics.

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"What say, Mr. Turpin, money or my life? Jehoshaphat! every cent I've got is locked up in a life insurance! This is hard!"

WHY HE QUIT JOURNALISM.

Only a Tender, But He Saw It Late and Resigned Immediately.

When I was editing the Bogtown Bugle, remarked the Colonel, "I had just finished a leader one day on 'Prosperity with Us Once More,' and sent it to the compositor, when in came a book stranger."

"Editor in?" said he.

"That's what he is," I replied.

"What can he do for you?"

"Well," said the stranger, "I am introducing a new cash register. The Lightning Cash Register we call it. And I thought I might sell you—"

"Oh, you thought so, did you?" I interrupted, laughing ironically.

"Cash registers, eh? Why, certainly! There's nothing this establishment is short of just now but cash registers! You've come to the right shop to sell cash registers! Especially lightning ones!"

"I thought I was making my meaning plain enough, but that stranger merely smiled and said:

"Yes, I see. But I thought I might sell you—"

"Say," I exclaimed, interrupting him again and talking pretty loud, "what's the matter with you anyhow? If you've got a cash register that'll measure buckwheat, cord wood and potatoes, and weigh butter, skin coons and count eggs, fetch it in and we'll strike up a dicker!" That's the sort of cash register he had!

"The stranger looked at me as if he was getting tired, and he put a little more vim in his talk.

"But seriously," now, said he, "What I came in to say is this: I am introducing a new lightning cash register, and that I thought I might sell you—"

"Now, you git!" I shouted, pointing to the door. "A man that doesn't know more than to try to sell cash registers to a country printing office ought to be—"

"Say, you ding blasted idiot, you!" the stranger yelled back. "I tell you I'm introducing a new lightning cash register, and I've been trying to tell you that I thought I might sell you—"

"I put a ten dollar bill in your pocket, and I've been trying to tell you that I thought I might sell you—"

"That," said I, "is that leader of mine on 'Prosperity with Us Once More' in type?"

"Yes," replied the foreman.

"Kill it!" said I.

"I replaced it with one on 'An Unprecedented Gloomy Outlook,' and quit journalism that week."—Ed. Mott.

LITTLE CLASSICS

Large bodies are far more likely to err than individuals. The passions are inflamed by sympathy; the fear of punishment and the sense of shame are diminished by participation. Every day we see men do by their faction what they would do rather than do for themselves.—Macauley.

It seems to me that we become more dear one to the other, in together admiring works of art, which speak to the soul by their true grandeur.—Mme de Staël.

There is in this world infinitely more for than pain to be shared, if you will only take your share when it is set before you.—Ruskin.

We should always keep a corner of our heads open and free, that we may make room for the opinions of our friends.—Joubert.

We waste the power in impatience which, if otherwise employed, might remedy the evil.—William.

There is a period of life when our backward movements are steps in advance.—Rousseau.

Selfish people, with no heart to speak of, have the best of it.—H. W. Shaw.

We reform others unconsciously when we walk unrightly.—Mme. Swetchine.

Sometimes tears have the weight of words.—Ovid.

He Left It to the Jury. Lawyer (acting for Uncle Rastus)—Now, Uncle Rastus, tell the jury something about the value of your cow.

Uncle Rastus (proceeding to do so)—Yo see, remmen, afore the cow got killed by the kyars I didn't set no great price on her. Las' summer me and Jo Sellers haggled over \$15 which I tho't she'd ought to fetch. He sed it was too much and mebbe it was fur the kind of cow she war at that time.

But when an animal done gets mixed up with a pow'ful corp'rashun and is befo' a cot' of law, its price an bound to be conside'ly deduced. I spects \$100 to 'bout what the mem'ry of that cow an' with to-day an' I leaves it to you gemmen to say etc so.

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TRIALS OF A WAITRESS.

She Would Rather Wait on One Man Than One Woman.

"It always makes a sick," said the pretty little waitress with the big brown eyes, "to see a woman drop into a chair at one of my tables. I'd rather wait on ten men than one woman."

"Why so?"

"It's worse than having your teeth pulled to feed a woman," she went on.

"A woman will come in here and sit down and take off her gloves and put them in a back shirt pocket. I'll be standing here waiting for her order. She'll push her skirt in front of her, and ask me for the card. It's laying right in front of her, but she never sees it. I poke it at her. She takes it and begins to read. She glances up and down that card nine times, then asks me if the potatoes are new ones. Of course they're new ones. At this time of the year old potatoes are curiosities, but she doesn't know that. Then she asks if the beef is tender. Of course it's the stewed corn is real 'evergreen' or just ripe 'field' corn. I'm getting pretty mad by that time, and don't answer. Finally she says she guesses she'll have half a dozen macaroons and a cup of tea. I'm glad to get away from her, but I've taken no more than half a dozen steps before she calls me back and tells me to make the cakes three macaroons and three lady fingers."

"And a man?"

"Oh, a man's different. He comes in, hangs up his hat, grabs the bill of fare, looks down the list once, throws it aside, and calls for a slab of beef, two potatoes, a dish of summer squash, a cup of coffee, two scones, and a hunk of pie with a piece of cheese on the side. Then he reads till he gets it, eats and gets out, all inside of fifteen minutes. Yes, sir; I'd rather wait on ten men than one of these macaroon and tea shoppers."—Detroit Free Press.

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