

## ..The Planet..

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## SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE.

Pessimists and unfriendly foreign critics represent commerce in South Africa as almost destroyed by the long protracted war with the Boers. It is cheering to the friends of the Empire to know that such is not the case. South Africa is anything but "ruined." At the seventy-fifth ordinary meeting of the leading bank of South Africa, held only three weeks ago in London, this corporation declared a yearly dividend of 10 per cent., together with a bonus equivalent to another six per cent. Even allowing for the exceptional profits from the huge expenditures of the British Government, this is a good showing, and proves that local trade and commerce have not been blocked to anything like the extent supposed by the timorous, and that business has carried on in spite of the interruption of railway communication. In the Cape Colony and Natal, the imports of 1900 were \$127,500,000 and the exports \$46,250,000—a decrease from '99 of \$135,000,000 in exports coupled with an increase of \$10,000,000 in imports. Native Transvaal gold is to be debited with \$70,000,000 of the decrease and wool with some nine and a half millions of dollars. Diamonds dropped three and a half millions, but the Kimberley mines re-opened a month after the siege was raised. The relief of Ladysmith started the coal mines again and, in spite of the damage to machinery, work is going on as before the war.

South African seaports, benefitted by the enormous military expenditure, and consequent influx of capital. Fruit, farming in Cape Colony and tea-growing in Natal, are being rapidly extended. Exports say that the indications of gold are better round Pretoria than at Johannesburg, but Kruger would never allow a pick to be driven there fearing the presence of turbulent miners. Geologists also predict the finding of diamonds near Pretoria. Already a few of the Johannesburg miners have been allowed by the British government to resume operations. That city will equal Toronto in population in three years. A large immigration to South Africa is expected in the near future. Ontario has already made a beginning of trade with these great colonies, a trade capable of indefinite extension.

## THE KING'S TITLE.

Dominion of Canada is as proud a name as Canadians desire to see applied to their country. It is the name that the Fathers of Confederation gave to their accomplished work. It is the name we love and have taught our children to love as that of our native land. It adequately expresses all the strength, all the greatness and all the freedom that are the blessed heritage of His Majesty's subjects in this portion of the American continent.

No proposal looking to the inclusion of possessions of his crown in King Edward's title can be satisfactory. The field is too large, the colonies too numerous to permit of special mention of even the important ones. Had not custom already sanctified the name of King we would prefer to see a change in the other direction. "Emperor of Great Britain" to our mind would be the most appropriate title that the new ruler could assume. An emperor is the supreme monarch of an empire. The kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland constitutes only a small portion of the realm over which Edward VII rules. His illustrious mother, appreciating the vast importance of her eastern possessions, took upon herself the title of "Empress of India." Since that day Canada has grown into a Dominion, prosperous and progressive, the long separated colonies of the antipodes have united in a Commonwealth; from the Cape to Cairo is under British rule and on other parts of the map of the world patches of red have been painted. How can any title express in words the magnitude of His Majesty's possessions. Great Britain or the British Empire to our mind is alone adequate, and Emperor of Great Britain would stand for all the majesty and power, and none of the cumbersome of a title that would aim at being an inventory of His Majesty's possessions.

## HUGGER PRESTON.

The Liberal party is getting very tired of their machine man, Preston. The Stratford Beacon, one of the strongest and most unscrupulous of the new Liberal newspapers, cannot longer remain silent and breaks out in this piece of advice to the Liberal government.

"The public has heard a great deal lately about the doings in Canada of W. T. R. Preston, inspector of European immigration agencies for the

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Dominion government, and it naturally wants to know why he is not in Europe attending to his duties instead of floating around Ottawa talking politics and instituting libel proceedings over family wranglings. The sooner the government comes to realize that Mr. Preston is something of a nuisance the better it will be for all concerned. He seems to have a faculty for interfering in business other than his own, and of blundering. The Ontario government made the mistake of not keeping him down to his official duties when he was a member of its service, and the Dominion government is making the same mistake. If Mr. Preston had stuck to the work he was paid to perform the Liberal party would not have attached to it the odium of machine hugging telegrams or Cook interviews. He has been well rewarded for any service he has ever rendered the party and ought to have the sense to see that his influence as a politician is gone. But if he does not see it he ought to be told so by those in authority.

## THE BIRTH RATE.

The Toronto Telegram has been studying the birth rate figures of Quebec and Ontario and finds that "Quebec's net birth rate is little, if at all, in excess of Ontario's birth rate." The Telegram says:—

More children are born in Quebec. More people die in Quebec. Fewer children are born in Ontario. Fewer people die in Ontario.

Quebec has the additional advantage of absolute accuracy in the registration of births. The baptismal records of the Roman Catholic Church are virtually a complete record of every child born in the province. There has been great carelessness in the registration of births in Ontario and in the year 1897 the records of birth rates between the provinces stood thus:— Birth rate per 1,000 population. Quebec—35.09. Ontario—29.04. Thus 14.05 children per 1,000 of population are born every year more in Quebec than in Ontario.

This enormous excess of births in Quebec is to some extent offset by an almost equally enormous excess of deaths as compared with Ontario. The figures for 1897 are:— Death rate per 1,000 of population: Quebec—21.07. Ontario—12.02. Thus Quebec loses by death every year 9.05 people per thousand more than Ontario.

Allowing for the difference in the death rate between the two provinces Quebec's net gain from excess of births over Ontario is 5 per 1,000 of population. This difference would be reduced or altogether wiped out if the registration of births in Ontario were as thorough and accurate as the registration of births in Quebec.

If you are inclined to rake up old scores, remember your backyard.

As J. Pierpont Morgan has not bought any foreign fleets in the last two days it is feared he may have had to send home for money.

"Reindeer Thrive on Alaskan Soil," is the head of a newspaper article. That's about the only thing they have a chance to thrive on in Alaska.

Aguiñaldo has been purchasing diamonds, and we have been undecided as to whether he contemplated a chase after fame as a negro minstrel or a hotel clerk.

Arthur Bell, the London financier, says that when a man has a million he is in a position to tell anyone to go to the devil. Provided, of course, "anyone" is not the bigger man and of resentful nature.

Preston's finish is becoming visible to the naked eye.

The Senate is not far from being "reformed" now.

In South Africa the war game is being played in the "manning off" style.

Snow in Devonshire, Eng., yesterday! What a dreadful, hyperborean country that must be!

Aguiñaldo's constitution seems to be adapted to captivity. He hasn't died once since the Yankees gobbled him.

Moses L. Hale, City Treasurer of Colorado Springs, is missing. He is said to be six feet tall and \$30,000 short.

Brockville has it. — Brockville Recorder. So? What's the matter with pink pills?

It isn't likely that Bernier will make that North Pole trip if he depends upon Chatham's civic contribution for expenses.

Says the Woodstock Express, Independent: The story that King Edward VII. will become Emperor of Canada probably needs revision. This country doesn't need two emperors, and we have not noticed yet that Mr. Tarte has given any sign of quitting.

People who attend a musicale should remember that they are not at a football match. Small talk on an occasion of that kind doesn't give evidence of the possession of a superabundance of good manners or a giant mind either. — Belleville Intelligencer.

What's the matter with the Intelligencer? queries the soulless Hamilton Spec. Next thing we know it will be demanding that ladies must not wear their newest and best gowns and bonnets at musicales! If the musicale is not for the purpose of giving the ladies a chance to gossip and show their clothes, of what good is it? The Intelligencer, we suppose, would have it given entirely over to a parcel of singers and instrumentalists to make more music.

DIAPHRAGMATIC RELIEF. Ottawa Journal. In a short time parliament will be out of our midst.

## SIZED UP.

The postmaster-general is a very logical gentleman. He gave Hamilton a dead letter office.

## OR HORSE HUSTLERS.

Toronto News. Kitchener's forces are rounding up horses at a rate that makes one think they are all cowboys.

## IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY.

Toronto Telegram. Canada's postmen asked for more salary, and I, William Mulock, will probably take away their coats and let them go in shirt waists, like Uncle Sam's letter carriers.

## ALL DOUBT REMOVED.

London Free Press. The Free Press has on several occasions expressed the opinion or rather stated the fact, that Premier Ross is a humbug.

## A HIT AT HOGTOWN.

Hamilton Spectator. Scores of names for Toronto's new hotel have been suggested to the Toronto World. But nobody seems to have had gumption enough to propose The Sty.

## AND IS ALWAYS BUSY.

Brantford Courier. Hon. G. W. Ross is now attempting to gloss over that census circular outrage. He seems to be prepared to condone any political wrong providing Grits are the perpetrators.

## A FAIRLY GOOD LIE.

Unidentified Liar. In Kansas City a boy not long since climbed a corn stalk to see how the corn was getting along, and now the stalk is growing up quicker than the boy can climb down. Three men have undertaken to cut down the stalk to save the boy from starvation, but it grows so fast that they can't hack twice in the same place. The boy is living on nothing but raw corn, and it is estimated that he has already thrown down over four bushels of cobs. Ananias gives up the record.

## THE DOG-GONE TOWN.

Ottawa Citizen. The population of Chatham has decreased since 1891. So has the assessment as compared with this year's figures. "There are even fewer dogs here than there were in 1891," wails the Banner-News. And there is Hamilton, in its arrogant pride of wealth, actually shooting dogs so that people will have more room on the streets. How eternally the gods' their gifts allot! However, Chatham cannot be said to have gone to the dogs, because even the dogs are gone, and it's up to Hamilton to make up the dog deficit by a handsome donation.

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Saturday, May 4th

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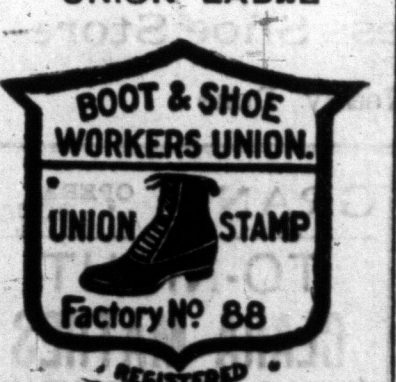
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