

## The Planet

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## VOTING MACHINES MUST COME.

The ballot system as put into practice on Wednesday seems to have generally worked in a satisfactory manner and secrecy and simplicity obtained. But after all, improvement can be made, and sooner or later, the voting machine will doubtless come into general use. It has been adopted in certain places in the United States, and, wherever it has been employed, it has given the greatest satisfaction. It is reported that the "Standard" machine was extensively used in the presidential election and gave general satisfaction. It is stated that in Buffalo, but very slight delays were caused, but those were solely due to a failure to set up the machines properly and not to any fault in construction. Both parties were delighted with the way the machines worked, as was the case last year. The speed and ease with which the voting was conducted, and the accuracy of the count were favorably commented upon by all. Not in a single district was there any question as to the correctness of the count, and the returns were brought to the centre of the city and tabulated in a very short time. The superiority of the machine over the slow ballot system is very marked, and as it has been brought to a state of almost perfection, there can be no doubt that its use will become general in the future. It is time that a movement in the direction of obtaining machines in municipalities should be made and experiments might be tried in municipal elections by way of making a start. Fraudulent voting, ballot stuffing or anything irregular is rendered impossible by the machine.

## UNFAIR TO THE CITY ENGINEER.

The Banner-News has been seized with a fit of hysteria over a bill for extras from the contractors for the King street pavement. Without waiting for the bill to be passed upon or to see how much of it the city is really liable for, it proceeds to belabor the city engineer with a rant that seems quite unnecessary. There never was a work of any magnitude yet which didn't involve extras. The architect for the Toronto parliament buildings, who had agreed to draw the plans and superintend the work for a certain percentage, actually had a bill for extras of \$36,000. Of this amount the Government, we believe, allowed him about \$8,000. When architects' extras will run up in this way, it can easily be judged how the contractors can figure their additions. The Banner-News might have waited before jumping on the city engineer and found out what extras were allowed, if the changes were necessary and if by any human foresight, outside of the Banner-News office, they could have been avoided. Mr. Shackleton may have made mistakes in his engineering work, but taken all in all the city has got a better return and better work from him than during any previous period, even when paying much more highly for such services. We don't believe in this practice of newspapers jumping on city officials in season and out. It is very cheap and calculated to secure good service and efficiency from the officials, who cannot be expected to put forth their best efforts while being continually hounded.

## HOW JUDGES DIFFER.

The last judgment in the damage suit of Atkinson vs. the city, develops a peculiar condition of judicial lore, as we have it in Canada. (We have no fault to find with this decision any more than with the previous ones, but let us consider them all three together.)

There were three parties interested in this suit, the plaintiffs, Messrs. Stevens and Atkinson, who suffered injury through a telephone pole standing on the street; the city of Chatham, who owned the roadway and permitted the pole to be placed there, and the Bell Telephone Co., who owned the pole and put it in position.

The first learned court found that Messrs. Stevens and Atkinson were entitled to damages and that the city alone was responsible because it had directed where the pole should go. The second learned court, the court of Appeal, also found that the plaintiffs were entitled to damages, but saddled them on the Bell Telephone Company.

Then the third learned court, the Supreme Court at Ottawa, found altogether differently, and gave judgment against the plaintiffs and in favor of the city and Bell Telephone Co.

Thus we have the spectacle, on the same law and the same facts, of one court finding against the city, another against the Bell Telephone Company, and the third against the plaintiffs.

Now, how is the ordinary layman to view all this? Is he to assume that the bench of this country has been filled up with such a lot of dub law, that no two or three can extract the real intention or sense from a provincial statute? Or are we to conclude that the Ross government has such a bungled lot of statutes that

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In this case we are inclined to think the fault probably lies with the statutes. Judge Macdougall, of Toronto, on one occasion decided to decide a case under a Hardy-Ross statute, because, he said, nobody could tell what it meant or was intended to mean.

If the statutes of the Province were stripped of half their legal verbiage judges and all the rest of us could tell what they meant. People who had just claims under them would know it. Litigation would be avoided and appeals would be unnecessary. But the shape these statutes are in now is only conducive to expensive lawsuits and manifold and wonderful interpretations by the courts.

## UNCLE SAM'S INDIANS.

The total expenditure by the U.S. Government on account of the Indian service from March 4, 1789, up to and including July 30, 1900, has been \$368,358,217, according to the annual report of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, W. A. Jones. The expenditures for the fiscal year ended last July amounted to \$10,775,107. The Indian population of the United States is about 267,000, of which 45,270 receive a daily ration. Altogether there are 57,570 Indians receiving subsistence in some degree exclusive of Indian children in boarding schools. Annuities distributed last year aggregated \$1,597,543, the per capita ranging from \$255 down to 50 cents. The report says that large money payments to the Indians are demoralizing in the extreme. They degrade the Indians and corrupt the whites; they induce pauperism and scandal and crime; nullify all the good effects of years of labor.

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The Liberal candidate is probably elected in Algoma by 300 or 400 majority. Last election he had something over 1800. This is only another illustration going to show how Ontario is taking the bit in her teeth!

The defence in that Peterson, N. J., murder case, in which four young men drugged a girl to death, is to be insanity. The verdict will enlighten us as to whether it is the prisoners or the jury who are off their mental equilibrium.

About three-fourths of the electors of Ontario, who voted, voted to turn the Laurier Government out. They were baulked in their laudable intent but baulking them won't make them any the less anxious to vote against Hon. G. W. Ross, who will be the next to run up against the electorate.

Our friend the B-News will pardon us if we suggest its ravings about the King street extras may have been inspired. Extras or no extras, the board of works and the engineer deserve every credit in the matter. The article in the B-N has every appearance of a covert attack on Ald. McKeough, the chairman of the board of works.

The clock which is being placed in the tower of the new Toronto city hall will be the largest in Canada. It will have four 30-foot dials, eighteen inches less in diameter than the clock on the Parliament building in London, England. The striking apparatus includes three bells of different sizes and tones, which will be heard for a great distance. The largest bell weighs six English tons, or 14,000 pounds. The dials will be covered with glass half an inch thick and will be lighted with a powerful electric light.

The Presses, the leading French-Canadian paper, editorially pays a tribute to Sir Charles Tupper. After reviewing his public career and eulogizing his indomitable energy and pluck in face of defeat, and expressing regret at his retirement, the Presses says: "He has always been exceedingly favorable to the French-Canadians, whom he has always treated with justice, liberality, and generosity. The absence on his part of all national and religious prejudice, which generally has such a hold on public men, is one of the greatest traits of his character." A tribute like this is refreshing after reading some of La Solle's and Les Debats' race and creed articles.

## THE PRICE OF VOTES.

Citizen and Country.

One of the most needful organizations in Elgin, Huron, Ontario, and the other corrupt counties is a "Voters' Union" to fix the price of votes. At present the prices run from a glass of beer to a five-thousand-dollar-a-year job, the average being about \$25.

## LAURIER THE RACE SHOUTER.

London Free Press.  
The Ottawa Journal (thinks that Conservatives should taboo all reference to race and religion in election matters). Does the Journal read its exchanges? It would bother it to find in any Conservative paper the faintest trace of opposition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the ground of his race and religion, and equally it would be bothersome to find a speech of his in which he did not speak of both.

## THE TROTTERING CIRCUIT.

Nellie Rooker, 2:10½, has been sold to a Canadian horseman. Directum, 2:05½, still holds the race record for trotting stallions.

Dreamer's heat in 2:14½ at Readville is the best this year by a 3-year-old trotter.

Jim Lawrence, 2:20½, at Bowling Green, Ky., is a new trotter for King Albert, 2:21½.

The French administration of the Harns entered seven trotting stallions at the exposition horse show.

When Paul Revere scored 2:07½, he came dangerously near the record for 4-year-old pacing geldings, the 2:07 of W. Wood.

The bay mare Alice, that won the 2:30 trot at Windsor, Ont. Aug. 14 and took a record of 2:25½, is said to be Susie G, 2:11½.

Free Bond, 2:04½, showed a half in 1:00¼ at New York, to a wagon, and was sold for \$8,000 to C. K. G. Billings of Chicago.

The pacing stallion Rainbow, owned by Allen Pence of Trinidad, Colo., won the 2:30 pace Sept. 7 at Rocky Ford, Colo., and took a record of 2:25.

Millard Sanders has driven three trotting mares into the 2:15 list in California this season—Dolly D, 2:11½; Bon Saline, 2:14½, and Janice, 2:13½.

Cardington Girl, 2:20¼, at Le Roy, Ill., Aug. 22, is the thirteenth trotter for Bartholomew Wilkes and next to Billy Mack, 2:19½, is his fastest performer.

Coney, 2:02½, driven by McHenry, equaled the world's pacing wagon record of 2:03½, held by Bumps, which makes him the champion hobbled pacer to wagon.

Sphinx is credited with nine new performers this year, which places him at the head of speed contributors for 1900 to date. Recent additions to his list are Myra W, p. 2:24½, and Master Sphinx, 2:29½.

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