

..The Planet.

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OUR PAN EXHIBIT.

The Canadian government is making a nice mess of the Canadian exhibit at the Buffalo Pan-American show. The Buffalo Express says:

The Canadian parliament has passed the item of \$30,000 in the supplementary estimates for a building and exhibit at the Pan-American exposition. If the building is erected on the site allotted to it, the Canadian visitor will need a special guide to find it. It is more isolated than was the famous Canadian building at the Columbian exposition at Chicago.

The chances are that the government has delayed the business so long that the Canadian building will not be ready until the show is half over. It will be difficult to find it, and if previous experience goes for anything—it won't be worth finding.

LOBBYING.

Unfortunately for the people of this country the American system of "lobbying" is gaining in both Toronto and Ottawa. If the government at Ottawa or at Toronto were to put down a firm and heavy foot upon this practice it would speedily be stamped out; but there is too much reason to believe that members of the government—both governments—instead of opposing the evil, are the very people who mostly encourage it.

In his chat about the legislature, Hugh Clark, of the Toronto News, says this about the lobbyist:

You are mistaken if you think it requires any great talent to be a successful lobbyist. It requires great talent to overcome great odds by lobbying, but anyone can be a lobbyist, and achieve some success in the business. How much ability does the agent of a railway company require to make a legislative committee solid for a railway measure? A few minutes' conversation well directed ought to be sufficient with members who travel free on the company's road. What particular skill did the agents of Toronto lighting companies need to possess to make the municipal committee of the legislature reverse on Friday its unanimous judgment of Wednesday? The average rural member has little or no interest in Toronto. An ounce of "jolly" from the lobbyist has usually more weight with him than a pound of argument from the city counsel. If he does not want to reverse his decision of two days ago, why may he not stay away to-day, and let others reverse his decision? The other member, who was not there on Wednesday, what's the matter with his attending to-day, and helping out the boys? The thing is done. Easy, isn't it?

It's easy to be a lobbyist, but it is not so easy to stop his practices. Around the courthouses you see notices warning the public of pains and penalties that may be lawfully inflicted upon persons who endeavor to tamper with jurors or witnesses. How would it do to make the same law apply to the parliamentary lobbyist? Ordinarily his purpose is akin to that of the individual who tampers with jurors or witnesses. He is endeavoring to effect by private and secret methods what he fears he cannot effect in an open and above-board manner. He is tampering with justice as truly as is the other lobbyist, who endeavors to unduly influence the verdict of a court. Something must be done to crush him, and perhaps the best way is to give the legislature a surfeit of the practice it now encourages. Kill the lobby with an overdose of its own medicine.

THE COOK CHARGES.

It is an axiom of common law that a principal is responsible for the acts of agents so far as they do not contravene the authority invested in the agents.

The evidence in connection with the charge of Mr. H. H. Cook that he was offered a senatorship for \$10,000 is now all in and the investigation is closed. The Planet has published a full and, as nearly as possible, fair report of the evidence, so that every reader can form an independent judgment as to its effect. No one who read the evidence can doubt that an attempt was made to get \$10,000 out of Mr. Cook. The only question is to what extent the government was connected with the disgraceful trafficking in offices. In the first place, if a man sells goods which he cannot deliver, he is a swindler. Were the men who dealt with Mr. Cook common swindlers, intent on getting money under false pretences; or could they deliver the goods? No one believes for a moment that they were common swindlers. If Mr. Cook had paid the money, and did not get what he paid for, the negotiators who obtained the money would have gone to the penitentiary. It may therefore be accepted as a fact that the negotiators for the \$10,000 could deliver the goods.

Secondly, if the negotiators for the \$10,000 could deliver the senatorship they must have had some authority to act from the owners of the senatorship. The owners of the senatorship, or at least the men who controlled its

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delivery, were the government of Canada. Premier Laurier has made it clear that he never interfered with the choice of a senator from a province, as long as his colleagues from that province were unanimous in their choice—a very wise position for the first minister of the crown to take. Sir Richard Cartwright says he never authorized anybody to offer the Ontario senatorship to Mr. Cook on a C. O. D. basis. Mr. M. C. Cameron, a gentleman very prominent in Liberal circles at that time, but since deceased, is alleged to have made the proposition to Mr. Cook. Also Mr. Preston, a gentleman closely allied with the Liberal party, whose name has figured prominently in connection with "machine" politics, the conduct of which "machine" was repudiated by the party leaders—after the advantages had been reaped and the hour of exposure arrived. It is also important to bear in mind that that "machine" had money as its motive power and that money without doubt came from the Liberal campaign fund. Yet the Liberal leaders repudiated all knowledge of or responsibility for the "machine." The Planet has too strong a belief in the political discretion of the leaders of the government to suppose that they took an active part in selling senatorships, but no men could sell senatorships or offer them for sale without the more or less direct complicity of the government. It was not necessary that the sale should have been completed in order to satisfy the public mind as to that complicity. The mere offer by any one more or less in close touch with the government of a senatorship for sale was in itself a proof of complicity because the vendor would not dare to accept the money unless he could deliver the goods and he could not deliver the goods without the sanction of the government. It was

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The best "treatment for inebriates" is not to treat them.

Quida's latest novel is entitled Street-dust. When was Quida in Chatham?

If you have any objection to Balfour running the British Empire mention it now.

The Czar may avoid death at the hands of the Nihilists. But he has 27 physicians.

Unlike our own Mr. Fielding, the Czar is averse to encouraging the mining industry.

The game warden business may not be lucrative; but, as it is worked, it is certainly not fatiguing.

By the way, wasn't there a man named Kruger, who did something, or was going to do something, or something?

London's tax rate is 23 1/2 mills. With so many mills as that London may be classed as a great manufacturing centre.

After being excommunicated from the Greek church and then escorted outside the Russian turnstile by a cop, Tolstoid must feel put out.

Salisbury is suffering from Bright's disease. It is lucky for the empire that he is not suffering from Bright's mental disease—peace at any price.

The Stratford Herald has a new story called Arms and the Woman. It will be read. Folks will want to know where the arms were when the woman was around.

It is lucky for the Peace cranks in England that they are not in South Africa in the hands of the Boers. There they would be shot for treason.

A Liverpool man has offered \$500 for the capture of De Wet. It would be much cheaper and more satisfactory to give the money to some good marksman.

The Hamilton tailors have gone on strike at a cruelly inopportune moment. The Easter Sunday church parade would be short of half its refugent glory.

There's a man in the city hall who says he's ready to swear that he saw butterflies in Chatham Sunday. The effect of long association with aldermen is something terrible.

The milliners informed us that there would be a touch of gold and silver in nearly all of this year's hats. Something more than a touch of the same materials will be required to meet the bill.

There is sworn testimony to the effect that, so long as four years ago, he had not sufficient influence in the cabinet to secure the appointment of his favorite candidate for the senate! Poor old Sir Richard!

ANOTHER WAR CLOUD.

Toronto Telegram.
Red snow is falling in Switzerland, a circumstance which suggests the possibility that some progressive planet is pulling off its Armageddon.

A STUBBORN, UNLAD GHOST.

Hamilton Spectator.
The census enumerator, like the ghost in Hamlet, comes in a "questionable shape."

AS YOU LIKE IT.

London News.
If Mr. Cook isn't a liar, then Sir Richard is. If Sir Richard isn't a liar, then Mr. Cook is. "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

TRADE STATISTICS.

Toronto Telegram.
Six aliens have been sent back from Canada to the United States, and now W. S. Fielding will proudly remark that this country's exports are increasing in every line.

OF WHAT USE?

Toronto News.
What's the use of developing New Ontario if the government in the meantime is going to give away everything in Old Ontario to the corporations?

A CALAMITY.

Toronto News.
It is most unfortunate that the Hamilton tailors should have gone out on strike just as Brer Cameron, of the Spectator, was thinking of ordering a new spring suit.

AN IMPERTINENT QUESTION.

Ottawa Citizen.
Why did Mr. Preston address Mr. Cook as "Mr. Senator" on the momentous occasion referred to if, as he says, he came to tell Mr. Cook he could not get the senatorship because he lacked ability as an orator?

JUST A TRIFLE.

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