

The Planet

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THE TRUANCY QUESTION.

After discussing the question of truancy not long since, the public school board seems to have dropped the matter again as if it were not capable of coping with so difficult a problem. For the last half of last year the number enrolled in the public schools was 1361 and in the separate school 296, making a total of 1657. The assessors' returns for last year show 1872 children of school age within the city limits, so that there are some 215 unaccounted for. However, some of these may have been attending the High School and others may have been at work. The difference between the number enrolled and the average attendance gives a better idea of the number of children who neglect school either with or without their parents' consent. Out of the 1657 enrolled, the average attendance was only about 1375. So nearly 300 children were absent from the public and separate schools every day. Now, isn't this number altogether too great?

AN INSULT TO MANITOBA.

By the Winnipeg Telegram the appointment of Mr. Robert Watson to the Senate is pronounced "an insult to Manitoba." Mr. Watson, the Telegram says, has just been driven from public life in the province under circumstances which forbid his return. "As Minister of Public Works in the Greenway Government he was proved to have given sub-contracts for provincial public works to himself." Proceedings are now being taken against him for the violation of the independence of the Legislature. Since the election it has been shown that the Government to which he belonged represented that it was securing certain railways without a cent of subsidy, although it had secretly contracted to give bonuses to these very lines. As the director of a company, Mr. Watson secured 2,085 acres of valuable land at a nominal price from the Government to which he belonged, and as a member of the Government, he agreed to subsidize a railway to develop the property, keeping the fact that the subsidy was promised a secret from the public.

DEGENERACY OF THE BRITISH UPPER CLASSES.

An important statement was made by Mr. Wyndham in the British House of Commons Thursday, namely, that the vacancies the war had made among the officers would be partly filled by promotion from the ranks. This means the democratization of the army. On this subject, a letter which is attracting much attention appeared in Friday's issue of the Daily Chronicle. It was written by a British officer who knows most of the armies of Europe from personal observation, and who has seen much service. He plainly declared that the class of society from which British officers are drawn is "distinctly degenerate, due to lack of intellectual training and the dissipation and vice of the aristocracy," and that the class "commonly known as society provides ninety-nine per cent of the officers." The writer also says: "The intellectual standard of a young man of 17, fresh from the English public schools, is lower than that of a German schoolboy of 8. His time is devoted to athletic sports. As his ancestors have done, he marries a girl of the same training, and in three of four generations society will consist of physically splendidly-developed idiots." The only remedy, according to the writer, is "intermarriage between society and the healthy middle classes."

IT IS NO NEW DISPUTE.

End of the century disputes evidently afflicted the world a hundred years ago just the same as they are afflicting it now. The ending of a century was thus considered a century ago by Theodore Dwight, who wrote this on New Year's Day, 1801: "Precisely 12 o'clock last night the 18th century took its flight. Fall many a calculating head. Has racked its brains; its ink has shed. To prove by Metaphysics fine A hundred means but ninety-nine. While at their wisdom others wondered But took one more to make a hundred. Strange at 18th Century's close While light beams effulgent glows, Has chased the darkness far away. Heads filled with mathematics lore Dispute if two and two make four. Go on, ye scientific sages. Collect your light a few more ages. Perhaps as swells the vast amount A century hence you'll learn to count."

The Liberal government is showing commendable wisdom in its appointments to the Senate. Instead of making that body a refuge for worn-out politicians, it is nominating men in the prime of life who are in touch with the country's needs and opportunities.—Stratford Beacon.

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The question is, where is Buller at?

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The Kingston Whig had just commended the government for choosing active young men for the senate when it heard of the appointment of Mr. Burpee, aged 83.

No half measures: Let Canada pay her own soldiers who are in active service.—Hamilton Herald.

We're willing if you can fix the thing with Isabel Tarte.

Come, Bannery, old boy, trot out those county council salary figures and don't be trying to deceive the few readers you have by keeping them dark.

Bourassa, he who strains at gnats and swallows measures like the Yukon Railway bill which gave away a kingdom, is the grandson of Papineau, the French Canadian rebel leader of 1837.

We thought all that opening of parliament tom-foolery at Ottawa, in which Black Rod bows so unceasingly that he looks as if his back worked on a hinge, was to be done away with when the Liberals obtained power.

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Commandant Albrecht, of the Boer army, has written to a friend at Magdeburg criticising Black's book, with which he disagrees regarding the deadly effect of modern artillery. He says: "Day before yesterday we battered Buller and scarcely fired a single shell. What the British use are not worthy the name of cannons. Out of 100 shells fired by the British not ten exploded. These create more uproar than damage." Commandant Albrecht admits that the Boer artillery has failed by a long way to achieve the results generally expected. He says they fired one hundred shells at the battle of Colenso, and it is doubtful if one hundred men were injured by them. The riflemen in ten minutes accounted for more men than did the artillery in ten hours.

BOURASSA TAKEN BACK INTO THE FOLD.

The Mail.

Mr. Bourassa resigned as a protest against the sending of help to the empire. The government declined to oppose him at the bye-election, and when he returns to parliament a minister, Mr. Tarte, introduced him, and vouches for him. If the government had

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HIS FATAL HANDICAP.

Toronto Telegram.

East Middlesex has shown that the reconstructed Ontario Government has no great strength in the province. The constituency has been more conspicuous for its devotion to Richard Tooley than for its attachment to Toryism.

East Middlesex up to the last general election held a record for going Tory when Richard Tooley was running and going Grit when any other Conservative candidate was in the field.

The constituency is one that should have been carried in the strength of local enthusiasm over the ascendancy of Hon G. W. Ross. The defeat of the Liberal candidate does not prove that Mr. Ross is weak in Middlesex county. The Provincial Premier is in many ways an admirable figure. It is natural that the people in Middlesex county should take pride in the gifts, eloquence and record of one of their own men, and if Mr. Ross were not weighted down with colleagues who have no higher idea of politics than standing in with corporations, he might make headway.

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