

## The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY  
Chatham, Ont.

## THE PROPER COURSE.

While we consider an inquiry by a judicial commission to be far preferable to an inquiry by a committee of the house of commons, the government might, we think, have taken a course likely to lead to more practical results than will be attained by a commission, says the Toronto Sun. It need not have sought for a precedent further than the one established by it in 1896. In that year, frauds, probably unexampled in extent, were practiced in Manitoba in order to defeat the Liberal candidates. The government issued no commission of inquiry, but in conjunction with the Manitoba government it set its detectives at work. It caused the arrest of a number of offenders. Sir Oliver Mowat, then Minister of Justice, engaged special counsel to conduct the prosecution. In the face of great difficulties the cases were pressed to a conclusion and the manipulators were at least taught that they could not break the law with impunity.

Why could not the course taken in Manitoba have been followed in Ontario? Why could not an officer from the Department of Justice have been detailed to conduct an investigation in both West Huron and Brockville, to ferret out the criminals and bring them to justice? When other crimes dangerous to the State are committed the first step taken is to get hold of the criminals. Why could that course not have been taken in the cases now before us?

## SHIELDING CRIMINALS.

It will be under a heavy handicap that the Liberal party will enter the coming parliamentary contest, says the Montreal Gazette. Its leading members are its drawback, their compromised acts its condemnation. There have been weak premiers and bad ministers in Canada before. There has, however, never been a weaker premier, with so many bad ministers to carry as are combined in the Laurier government. The course pursued in the election scandals debate, is, perhaps, the most striking, but it is only one evidence, of the lack of capacity on the ministers' part to put themselves right with public opinion. When everyone could see that corruption had been practiced on an unusually scandalous scale in West Huron and Brockville, when the force of public opinion had compelled the Ontario Government to at least make a pretense of dealing with the corruptionists who had figured in provincial contests—the same corruptionists who are implicated in the parliamentary election scandals—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues had no idea but to publicly make themselves participants criminals with the offenders by doing all they could to shield them. The promise of a judicial commission was wrung from them only when Mr. Richardson's speech warned them that they could not hold their party with them in resisting an inquiry. They surrendered only at 2 o'clock in the morning, when the members were awaiting the ringing of the bell that summons them to the division. There has been no greater act of moral and political stupidity recorded in the annals of parliament. The men who are guilty of it can have no knowledge of public sentiment, no respect for public decency, and no idea in politics but that anything is good if it helps to win seats.

## MONDAY'S ECLIPSE.

On Monday next will occur that rare and impressive celestial phenomenon a total solar eclipse. Chatham, however, will not be in the path of totality, but at the same time the eclipse will be of sufficient dimensions to make a curious and impressive sight for all citizens.

The path of totality begins in the Pacific Ocean, just west of Mexico. There the huge pencil first touches our earth. It then passes eastward across Mexico, and entering the United States near New Orleans, proceeds in a north-easterly direction until it leaves the continent close to Norfolk, Va. Then it crosses the Atlantic, touches Portugal, and afterwards passes across Northern Africa, leaving the earth finally near the northern end of the Red Sea. In this country the cities of New Orleans, La.; Mobile, Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Raleigh, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., are all on the totality path. At New Orleans the sun will be completely covered at 7.30 a. m., while at Norfolk this will not happen until 8.53 a. m. In the former city totality will last 72 seconds, and in the latter 102 seconds. At intermediate places both the time and duration of totality will fall between these extremes. At Chatham, which will be about 500 miles distant from the eclipse-track, the phenomenon will be a very notable one, more than four-fifths of the sun's face being hidden by the moon. In this part of Canada the eclipse will begin about eight o'clock in the morning, and end a

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## A SANE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER.

In these days of presidential election campaign, when our friends across the border are seeking to catch the Penian vote and the German vote, by twisting the British lion's tail, it is most refreshing to find the following in an American paper—the Chicago Chronicle:

"One does not have to be either British or Boer partisan to recognize that the defense and relief of Mafeking add another glorious chapter to the imperishable record of military skill and heroism.

The fourth longest siege in modern military annals, lasting seven months, Mafeking will hereafter rank with Lucknow, Sebastopol and Plevna. The defense of Mafeking eclipses either of the two latter in the meagreness of its garrison. Baden-Powell's handful of irregular British troops kept the Boer invaders at bay under conditions that every military expert recognizes as the most desperate that a beleaguered force could contend with.

Sickness, semi-starvation, lack of ammunition, and, worse than all, the isolated position, which for a time threatened to defy the efforts of any relieving force, combined to prepare the public mind for the worst horror of the war.

The proverbial bulldog tenacity of the British won. Every son of British stock, be his sympathies with Boer or Briton, will feel a thrill of pride in the garrison. It is characteristic of the blood, as Kipling would say.

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Mark Twain, testifying before the British house of lords in regard to copyright, caused a laugh by saying: "Many unthinking thinkers think they think." This thought was not original with Twain, however, for Jane Taylor wrote years before: "Though men a thinking being was designed."

Few use the great prerogative of mind. How few think justly of the thinking few. How many never think who think they do.

## NEWFOUNDLAND'S EXAMPLE.

Winnipeg Free Press, Lib. Printing paper and printing ink are free of duty under the Newfoundland tariff. It is not yet too late for Mr. Fielding to learn from the wisdom of the oldest colony. Printing paper in Canada is now selling at famine prices.

## A CHANGE FOR THE WORSE.

Pickering News. It seems peculiar, nevertheless true, that men go from one extreme to another. President Kruger trusted in Providence when the South African war first started, but now he asks assistance from the United States.

## THISTLE vs. SHAMROCK.

Ridgeway Dominion.

When Healan J. and Irish Jack meet each other some fine morning at sunrise on the green sward of Tecumseh Park, Chatham, we suggest that it be a test of claymore versus pike. The feist will never stop short of a duel, for the pen is too small and ineffectual a weapon for two such hot-blooded warriors, and the law is too slow and expensive.

## FRAUDS WITHOUT PARALLEL.

Moncton, N. B. Times.

Frauds that are almost without parallel in the annals of electoral crime in this country, are disclosed in the Pritchett affidavits, as read by Mr. Powell in his speech in the house of commons on Tuesday. These affidavits show very clearly how the by-elections in West Huron and Brockville were carried for the Liberals, and there is little doubt that the same practices were carried on in other constituencies.

## HIGHGATE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Highgate Monitor.

We were told the other week—that the market reports in the Monitor had not been changed for two years. Of course this is a falsehood, as we make a virtue of always changing the reports on the 21st of May whether the prices vary or not. However, we feel the necessity of something new in the market line so would tender the following, which we made out from an exchange:—Young men, unsteady; girls, lively, willing and in demand; papas, firm, but declining; mammas, unsettled, but waiting for higher bids; coffee, considerably mixed; fresh fish, active and slippery; wheat, a grain better than barley; eggs, quiet but expect to open up shortly; whiskey, still going down; onions, strong and rising; breadstuffs, heavy; boots and shoes, those in the market are soled and are constantly going up and down; hats and caps, not as high as last year, except footcaps, which are stationary; tobacco, very low and has a downward tendency; silver, close, but not close enough to get hold of; cheese, lively. We would also like to add that the milk market on the market is a little weaker. Local dealers are preparing to pick up the bean crop for the season. Corns are being pared in great quantity. The office devil, who, however, is not Irish, says that cows are a bull on exchange, but this is more than we can bear. Whiskey is a drug on the market in Highgate, but there is a good opening for the importation of first class stock.

## EIGHTH CON., RALEIGH.

Several farmers in this vicinity having plowed up their wheat crop, are either preparing to plant or have planted corn in its place. The Epworth League here held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening. This was the first meeting for the League year and the annual business was transacted. The league were favored with a well prepared and well delivered sermon by Master Allie Himm. Five new members also joined the League.

John Jordan, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is, we are glad to say, recovering. H. Fleming, teacher, spent last Sunday with his parents, of Dover. Oscar Novak raised a large shed, 90 feet long, last Thursday afternoon. He now hopes to have enough barn room for all his crops. The brickwork of George Jordan's new house is almost finished and the workmen will soon be at the inside of the house.

Messrs. Hayes and Woods, of Chatham, attended the League here last Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. McVittie, of Merlin, gave a very able sermon here last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Redmond.

Misses Ethel and Gertrude Brown left Tuesday to spend a few weeks with their aunt, of St. John's. Miss Pearl Laurie rode to Chatham on her wheel last Thursday. Miss Bertie Boothroyd, of the 9th, spent last Wednesday afternoon with Miss Carrie Nossel here. Hiram Stover, of the Plains, attended the Methodist Church here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper, of Fletcher, visited David Ball last Sunday. Sid. Audis has purchased a corn planter. This is the first one in the section, and it promises to be not only a paying but a useful implement. Geo. Laurie, of the 8th, has moved into his new house, which has just been completed.

## IF HIS CREDIT'S GOOD.

Minneapolis Journal.

There's nothing that helps a fellow out so much.

As keeping his credit good; He need not be hunting up some one to touch.

If only his credit is good. He may often be "busted"—possess not a red.

But he's sure of a supper and also a bed.

With some kind of a roof to shelter his head.

If only his credit is good. He may even mix up in the social affairs.

If only his credit is good; May patronize theatres, lectures, church fairs.

If only his credit is good. He can dress like a gude in the swell—west of clothes.

Wear new patent leathers and striped silk hose.

And exude odorous perfumes wherever he goes.

If only his credit is good. He can quaff the seductive and festive "high ball."

If only his credit is good; (If he passes them by, he's a fool—that is all.

As long as his credit is good.) He can dine in swell restaurants, cafes and clubs.

And feel sincere pity for such of us dubs.

As go to the hosiery after our grub.

If only his credit is good. The butcher and baker will wait for their pay.

From the fellow whose credit is good; The grocer will furnish supplies every day.

To the duffer whose credit is good. The landlord is never in need of the rent.

The tailor will trust him to any extent.

And for him new patterns and fashions invent.

If only his credit is good. But I somewhere have read that there's one way.

Of keeping one's credit real.

And that is stroll in some morning and pay.

Those with whom your credit is good.

I know it is hard, but nothing else goes.

With those who give shelter and victuals and clothes.

And bottles whose contents I may not disclose.

To the fellows whose credit is good.

## LITERARY NOTES.

## FEO: A ROMANCE.

Some stories are hard to follow, because of the story-teller's demand for personal attention. You are compelled to stop too often to take breath after the author's various clever tricks in the telling, that the scheme of plot is confused, and sometimes altogether lost.

In "FEO," Max Pemberton has told a capital story; told it so artistically that the end is reached before you take time to consider the writer a most skilful one, whose chief aim has evidently been not to win praise for himself but entertainment for his readers.

The story has chiefly to do with a gifted Viennese opera singer, Feo de Berthier, poor, but of noble lineage, who, in the opening chapter, is living in a London flat, with only her father for protection, a selfish and none too scrupulous man. Father and daughter had been forced to leave Vienna by the Archduke Frederick, whose son, Prince Jerome, a youth passionately fond of music, had become ardently attached to Feo, which sentiment was met with a fair equivalent in the heart of the singer. But the Archduke had other plans for the future of the girl, and the obstacles placed in the way of a consummation of the lovers' happy calculations; in fact, every means that could be devised by agents of the Archduke was brought to bear towards their defeat. Even Georges de Berthier, through his greedy love of gold, became a powerful instrument in the humiliation of his daughter.

But against a background of much villainy, Feo's soul of honor shone to the last and when at a crisis, after an inward battle with self, she resolved to renounce her love for Jerome, believing it to be best for him, she became heroic. Jerome proved her equal in heroism, a manly, flesh and blood prince throughout, yet with a high moral code.

A young Englishman, Leslie Drummond, played an important part in the story, and his staunch friendship Feo could not well have done without. Many of the principal scenes are laid in Paris, the descriptive bits of that wonderful city making graphic word-pictures.

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