

The Planet.

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Chatham, Ont.

IT WAS A GREAT BLUNDER.

The mistake that was made in admitting Indian corn free is one of the reasons why the Government should go, declares the Mail.

By the late Government it was held that the United States should not have Canada as a free market for corn without some reciprocal return, as, for example, freedom for our barley in the United States market.

Mr. Fielding, however, placed corn on the free list without receiving any reciprocal return whatever, and in the face of the Dingley additions to the United States duties on Canadian products.

By Mr. Charlton a strong protest was entered against this action. Mr. Charlton said corn was one of the keys to the situation, and we ought not to take the duty off until the United States gave us an equivalent concession.

In spite of Mr. Charlton's warning the duty was removed.

Now the men who came to office promising to reduce or remove the United States duties on Canadian produce have removed Canadian duties on United States produce instead.

In addition there are higher United States duties against Canadian produce, and our Government has voluntarily destroyed the lever which would have opened the American market to our barley, our hay, and our potatoes.

PROHIBITIONISTS NOT SATISFIED.

The manner in which the politicians have disposed of the prohibition question has not given complete satisfaction to the parties of the second part. The denominational journals are anything but pleased. The Christian Guardian, speaking for the Methodists, expresses its irritation. It says in part:—

The debate was purely political, and the arguments pro and con discussed in a style that was palpably and painfully perfunctory. Nothing was expected to come out of it, and nothing did, except the shoving for the time of a terribly inconvenient question, and the production of a political amendment to soothe the irritated nerves of prohibition constituents. In the division, party cleavage was obliterated, and the vote, we are told, was the noisiest of the session, the members freely joking one another on the position taken.

The report of the debate is very unpleasant reading for those who have put heart and hope and labor and pains into the effort for prohibition, as thousands of the readers of this paper have done, and as many thousands of other men and women have done throughout this Dominion. But there are lessons to be learned from it that may well be taken to heart, and that if learned thoroughly and put into practice, may tend largely to prevent similar flouting in future. Clearly, the politicians do not take prohibitionists seriously. Possibly, prohibitionists are not sufficiently serious in their estimate of themselves.

Three of the special teachers who were engaged in England by Prof. Robertson, under the Macdonald-Slogd school fund, to come to Canada to take charge of the work of establishing manual training in connection with the public schools in the various provinces, have arrived in Ottawa.

The Ontario government will probably have a much greater revenue this year from succession duties than was anticipated. The estimate was \$175,000, and already \$130,000 have been collected. The Christie, Hallam and Alcorn estates in Toronto will yield at least \$75,000.

The price of binder twine has dropped to 81-2 and 8c a pound, yet the cost of the raw material is the same as it was. Now, it is certain that the binder twine combine is not selling at a loss, even at the reduced price. How, then, can the minister of justice reconcile the reduction with his former statement that as far as Kingston penitentiary was concerned twine was being sold as low as the price of the raw article would permit? Was he keeping up prices then to help the combine or is he selling at a loss now?

The people of the United States have been counted and, except in some remote districts, the returns have been made to the census bureau at Washington. It is likely to be some weeks yet before the figures are added up. Meanwhile there are many predictions as to the population the census will show. Mulhall, the great English statistician, places it at 76,200,000; Prof. Pritchett, president of the National Institute of Technology, at 77,472,000, while the actuary of the treasury department estimates it to be 77,000,000. In 1870 the population of the United States was 38,558,371; in 1880 it was 50,155,730, an increase in ten years of 11,597,359; in 1890 it was 62,622,250, the increase being 12,466,463.

The editors of the Christian Guardian and Halifax Wesleyan have arranged for an exchange of work during the months of July and August.

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ing the months of July and August. The former editor explains: "This method of securing a partial holiday and of getting a complete change of climate and scenery, is being resorted to more and more by preachers and literary workers. Preachers from New York and Boston change with others in London, England, or Edinburgh, Scotland. If it were possible to secure more interchange between the Maritime provinces and Ontario, we would be glad to see it accomplished, for we think that it would mean mutual profit."

A shortage of lumber is apparent at many points. Contractors and builders at Sault Ste. Marie and other points in that part of Ontario, it is stated, are unable to get what lumber they require from the Ontario yards, and are now shipping in large quantities from British Columbia, this being the first time in Ontario's history when it was necessary to bring lumber from the western province. The scarcity of lumber in Ontario is due to the increased building operations at Ottawa, and also the difficulty in floating logs on account of the absence of rain during June. Several large mills are being prepared for operations at upper lake points, and the supply before the building season ceases will, it is expected, be quite equal to the demand.

Electric headlights for railway locomotives are coming very generally into use in the Western States and are paying for themselves in saving the railway companies large sums formerly paid for cattle killed on the track. The light will show a cow or horse at a quarter of a mile on a dark night. With a good, clean reflector the intensity of the light is about 8,000 candle power. On the front of the locomotive boiler, just aft of the smokestack, is located a small dynamo and a steam turbine the whole being coupled together and enclosed in a watertight casing. To light up the engine simply turns on a switch, the apparatus absorbing about 1-1/2 horse-power when in operation. With one trimming of carbons the headlight will burn eight hours without further attention.

ANOTHER TRIPLE ALLIANCE.
Washington Star.
When the wars are over Aguinado, Prince Tuan and Oom Paul might get together and organize.

GOING BEHIND THE RECORD.
Galt Reformer.
London editors have a delicate way of intimating that they are church-goers. Forest City papers have no editorials on Mondays. All the same, we'd hate to question their fishing rods too closely.

CLEARED THE TRACK.
Detroit Free Press.
A resident of Iowa, Kan., named McClelland, recently told a Mr. Sharp that unless he should cease paying attention to Mrs. McClelland there would be a murder and a funeral. Sharp thereupon caused McClelland to be lodged in jail on the charge of having made homicidal threats, and then proceeded to elope with the prisoner's wife.

HEAT KILLS THE BABES.
N. Y. Despatch.
According to the attendant at the morgue, more bodies of children were received Tuesday than on any other day since the establishment of the morgue. At midnight there were at the morgue the bodies of 33 children, ranging in age from a few weeks to five years. All had been received during the afternoon and evening. The attendants account for many of the deaths by the intensely warm weather.

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INDIANA'S FREAK FARMS.

Leeches, Weasels, Tomcats, Skunks and Frogs Are Some of the Products.

For freak farming Indiana certainly takes the lead. Instead of depending on corn, wheat, rye and the manifold standbys, a great many farmers in Indiana are devoting their time and energy to raising other products, such as skunks, weasels, rabbits, frogs, ginseng, tomcats and noxious weeds. Indiana has six large skunk farms, and the industry is becoming so extensive that recently a "trust" has been formed. The pelts are very valuable, bringing from \$1.50 to \$2 apiece, according to the quality. The skunk farmers are now raising the brutes by the thousands. The young are pretty and do not demand much care, and are cheaply maintained and easily placed on the market, and are profitable.

At New Harmony, Posey county, there is a large family of Angora cats. Herman Euler, of that city, is a genuine farmer and tomcat jobber who has made a fortune in handling this breed of cats. He has sold over 3,000 cats in the past year. He has sold some as high as \$50, and none for less than \$25. It will readily be seen that cats at \$25 apiece will make a man more money than any of the many cereals raised on the farm.

There is only one leech farm in Indiana, and that is probably the only one in the whole country. The industry is carried on in moss-filled vats. The breeding leeches are shipped from Germany some years ago, and all of the product is thoroughbred. The leech market is nothing compared with what it formerly was when physicians prescribed an application of leeches for everything, from cold feet to a raging fever. There is a good demand for them and they bring a fancy price. They get plenty of food and will keep for an indefinite time.

There are four large rabbit farms in Indiana. The largest one is located at Wabash and owned by Nathan Meyer and is known as the Wabash Belgian Hare Breeding and Importing Company. The company expects to raise 1,000,000 hares this year. The bunnies are fed on hay, and they consume about 60 pounds of green grass a day. Their pelts are in great demand and the meat is edible. Moreover, they sell as pets. From their hair the finest crush hats are made. Hares are easily handled and are preferable to skunks, and there is no danger of "off" year.

For many years the farmers thought pepper mint weeds obnoxious, and grubbed them out. To-day there are three big pepper mint farms in Indiana. The largest is located in St. Joseph county, and is owned by Mark Beger. Another is on the Michigan-Indiana line and is owned by some Poles, and the other is in Lake county. Its uses are numerous, but the greatest demand comes from the manufacturers of primo fabric, who use it to make the colors more solid. The successful pepper mint farmer can make from \$75 to \$150 an acre from his land.

The most freakish line of freak farming is the new wrinkle in fattening the watermelon. Here the farmer steals a march on Nature and fattens them. They do it by performing a surgical operation on the stem, inserting a cotton fuse, which is passed through the cork of a bottle of sugar-sweetened water.

What Shooting Stars Really Are.
It is hardly necessary to say that the shooting stars are not stars at all, as the name seems to indicate, and as people sometimes think, writes Professor C. A. Young in the New Lippincott. This was the mistake of the sailor on the British naval vessel, who had been on watch during the shower of 1895 to count all the meteors he could see in a given fifteen minutes. When his time was up he begged to be allowed a minute longer, "because," said he, "I had my eye on a star that wiggles awful, and can't hold on much longer."

Shooting stars are only little masses of matter—bits of rock or metal, or clonicles of dust and gas—which are flying unresisted through space, just as planets and comets do, in paths which, within the limits of our solar system, are controlled by the attraction of the sun. They move with the speed of several miles a second, far exceeding that of the military projectiles, but are too small to be seen by us except when they enter our atmosphere, and become intensely heated by the resistance they encounter, light up and burn for a moment; for, to use Lord Kelvin's expression, a body rushing through the air at such an enormous velocity, is causing its flight virtually "immersed in a blowpipe flame," that of a temperature comparable with that of an electric arc. As a rule, they are completely consumed in the upper air so that nothing reaches the surface of the earth except, perhaps, a little ash, settling slowly as an imperceptible "smoke." Occasionally, however, some mass larger than usual survives in part the fiery ordeal, and its fragments fall to the ground as specimens of the material of "other worlds than ours."

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When it is necessary to keep finely decorated china plates piled together get some large sheets of blotting paper and cut from them circles large enough to cover the inside of the plates. Place these between the plates.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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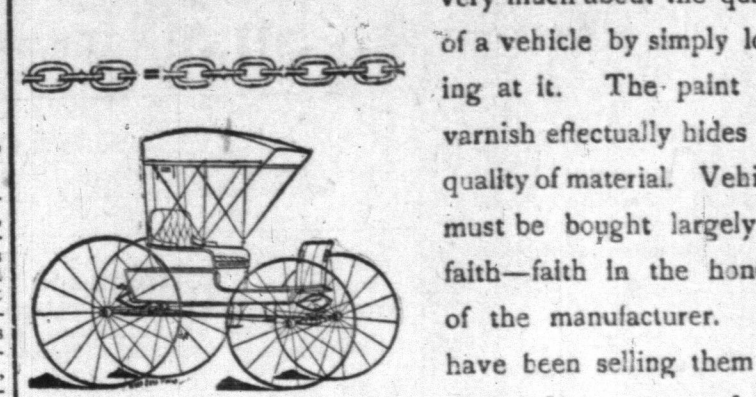
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