

The Planet.

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THE CONFERENCE ON NOV. 24.

The conference of Conservatives and others who believe in the need of a change of Government at Toronto, which has been called Mr. J. P. Whitney for Nov. 24th, falling in the same week as the intended Liberal convention, should make Toronto a pretty lively city for that week. Both events have been called for one day only, at least without indication of intention to prolong the deliberations beyond one day. How either can discuss and properly formulate a platform in one short day is difficult to understand. Inevitably there must be preparation before-hand, which takes away from the gathering the character of a deliberative body. This applies especially to the Liberal convention, which is called with no indication of what may be laid before it. Mr. Whitney on the other hand has announced several planks in his conference call, so that those participating have texts already provided. Mr. Whitney declares for:

Clean, honest, decent government.
Increased agricultural instructions in high schools.

The encouragement of sanitary systems of sewerage in towns and villages.

Public ownership of public utilities.
Prompt settlement of capital-labor disputes.

Operation of the Temiskaming railway by the Government.

Improvement in the assessing of railway property.

Other questions are, of course, bound to come up for discussion. We should like to see the principle of the sawlog legislation, which was passed as a result of Conservative agitation, extended to other things. Sawlogs must now be cut into lumber in this province. The result of that has been the moving of numerous Michigan mills over to Ontario.

The same legislation should be applied to our nickel and our pulpwood. The one should be required to be refined and the other manufactured into paper, right in our own Province. The Conservative conference could not pronounce in favor of anything better calculated to promote the growth of New Ontario than that.

The texts thrown out by Mr. Whitney for consideration are good. They are all progressive in tendency.

We hope that Kent County will be well represented at the conference.

Mr. Whitney has widened the invitation so that it is open to any man whether Conservative or Liberal, to attend who is desirous to aid in instituting a cleaner Government at Toronto than we now have and inflicting a rebuke to the corrupt element who have trailed Ontario's good name in the dust for many years.

CANNOT DODGE THE ISSUE.

The case between Hon. G. W. Ross and the electors of Ontario has not anywhere been better put than by the Toronto World in the article we produce below, and which our readers will find to be one of the plainest and most conclusive deliverances that has yet been put forward in connection with the Ontario situation.

Ontario is not likely to be deceived by the elaborate preparations which Hon. G. W. Ross is making to obscure the infamies of his administration. Governments as a rule are prepared to stand or fall on their records. Not so the government in Queen's Park. Its game is to shift public attention from the abuses which have brought it into disrepute by making scapegoats of a few ministers and offering a new campaign cry to the people.

Mr. Ross wants to be judged, not by what he has done, but by what he will promise to do. This is perhaps the most damaging confession that has come from a government, whose leader has justified or condoned every outrage it has practised.

If the record of the government is a good one, why is Mr. Ross afraid to appeal to the people on that record. If every minister has been true to his trust, and this is the plea which Mr. Ross has recently put forth, why is it necessary on the eve of an election to discard four of these ministers and substitute men who have no public records to defend. And why if the government's ideals of administration are meritorious, does it become expedient to call a convention to proclaim new ideals and a new platform?

A convention seems rather a mild cure for the evils which have been charged up to the record of the Ross government. Mr. Ross proceeds upon the principle that for the public wrongs he has committed he has only to answer to his own party. A convention of 1,200 Liberals is not a fit tribunal for the trial of offences which have been committed against the people, and which the people alone have the right to place in their true perspective.

A convention will not take away one jot or tittle from the weight of the Gamey charges. A convention will not effect the West Elgin frauds, the Hale confession or the revelations of the Soo election trial. A convention will not restore to the people of Ontario the timber limits that have been handed over to government heeleders, the water powers that have been exploited in the interest of daring promoters, or the franchises and privileges that have been bestowed on corporations through the agency of Hon. J. M. Gibson. A convention will not justify the disfranchisement of North Renfrew for a year and a half, nor make less iniquitous the government's conduct in sitting through a session of the legislature on the strength of a majority which it knew to be the product of corrupt and fraudulent methods.

Those are the issues upon which the Ross government must be judged and neither a convention nor a cabinet reconstruction can divert public attention to any side issue which party ingenuity may devise. The Ross government will be judged by its past, not by its promises for the future. Premier Ross will be judged by the colleagues who have been with him in his almost ceaseless assault on public right, not by the substitutes, who sooner or later must fall a prey to the influences which are inseparable from Ross' ascendancy in Queen's Park. A rotten ship cannot be made seaworthy by simply changing the crew, and Mr. Ross cannot by discarding three or four colleagues remove or modify the elementary evils of his administration. A convention is the weak resort of a guilty premier. If Mr. Ross was honest in his defence of the record of his government he would not call a convention to shift or obscure the issues upon which he must sooner or later justify himself with the people.

HIS FINAL PLUNGE.

Toronto News.
Hon. Geo. W. Ross stands shivering on the brink.

A SOCIAL PROBLEM.

London Opinion.
Why do dinner-table delicacies invariably provoke the discussion of social indelicacies?

EXCEPT AT MATINEES.

Health.
Women have colds in the head less frequently than men because they are not accustomed to heavy head coverings.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF IT.

Toronto Telegram.
Most of us have to make our living at the same old stand, no matter what party is in power. And only in a few cases is Ottawa the post office address of that stand.

RUSSIA'S OPTIMISM.

Ruse, St. Petersburg.
If our forecast of the general course of events is correct, then the further General Oku's army advances the better it will be for the final result of the operation planned by Kuropatkin. Let us wait, and we shall see.

A VEILED SARCASTIC.

Hamilton Herald.
"In Canada," says the London Times, "victorious ministers seem to enjoy the means of postponing defeat indefinitely." There is a veiled sarcasm in this sentence which is not altogether undeserved. A barbed truth hurts.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S CHOICE.

New York Sun.
While the return of the Bond government in Newfoundland, by the election of Oct. 31, is an endorsement of the successful administration of that party, it is also an expression of the objection of the islanders to political union with Canada. Only less directly is it also an expression of preference for closer trade relations with the United States.

THE OUTLOOK.

Belleville Intelligencer.
We are not "squealing"; not on your natural, as the boys would say. The country has gone most unmistakably Liberal, and the voice of the people is supreme, but we would ask our readers, when they have time to do a little quiet thinking, if it is not rather an alarming prospect to see the Laurier government in power with a majority of nearly two to one; with the expenditure of a vast amount of money in sight; with the muzzle and handcuffs all ready for that old Scotsman, the auditor-general, and with thousands of hungry grafters waiting for their "bit." The outlook is not a pleasant one, is it?

Mr. Subbubs—That Mrs. Newcome seems to be a very remarkable woman.
Mrs. Subbubs—Why, what do you know about her?

Mr. Subbubs—I notice that although she's been living in this neighborhood nearly six months none of you other women have found out anything mean to say about her.

What Sulphur Does

FOR THE HUMAN BODY IN HEALTH AND DISEASE.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

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SHOEMAKING IN THE BLACK FOREST.

The Black Forest of Germany, a region famous for centuries, is hundreds of years behind the present age in methods of living and conducting simple industries. This fact is strikingly exemplified in the primitive ways the natives follow in making leather and shoes. When a farmer kills his beef he takes the hide to the local tanner, who will keep it for two years before he considers it fit for the shoemaker. When the hide is feather the shoemaker is informed of the fact. This medicine acts promptly and speedily, cures such ills as stomach and bowel troubles, teething troubles, simple fevers, colds, worms and other little ills. And the mother has a guarantee that the Tablets contain no opiate or harmful drug. One has only to ask George Hardy, Fourchu, N. S., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and find them a blessing to children. I am not satisfied without a box in the house at all times." If your dealer does not keep these Tablets in stock send 25 cents to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and you will get a box by mail post paid.

A MOTHER'S PRECAUTION

There is no telling when a medicine may be needed in homes where there are young children, and the failure to have a reliable medicine at hand may mean much suffering, and, perhaps, the loss of a priceless life. Every mother should always keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. This medicine acts promptly and speedily, cures such ills as stomach and bowel troubles, teething troubles, simple fevers, colds, worms and other little ills. And the mother has a guarantee that the Tablets contain no opiate or harmful drug. One has only to ask George Hardy, Fourchu, N. S., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and find them a blessing to children. I am not satisfied without a box in the house at all times." If your dealer does not keep these Tablets in stock send 25 cents to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and you will get a box by mail post paid.

SAVED HIS MONEY.

Lord Chief Justice Kenyon was conspicuous for economy in every article of his dress. Once, in the case of an action brought for the fulfillment of a contract, on a large scale, for shoes, the question was, whether or not they were well and soundly made, and with the best materials. A number of witnesses were called, one of whom, being closely questioned, returned contradictory answers. Thereupon, His Lordship, pointing to his own shoes, said—

"Were the shoes anything like these?"

"No, My Lord," replied the witness; "they were a great deal better, and more genteeler."

The court was convulsed with laughter, in which the Chief Justice heartily joined.

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A LETTER FROM NEW MEXICO

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town of Watrous safe, standing as it does upon the slope of a hill, but the lower end of it was destroyed, and you may imagine our feelings when this rose to within inches of our own home. Fortunately, however, this was the high water mark, so we suffered slight personal loss. Coming as it did in the dead of night and with such suddenness the loss of life will be great, especially among the native people. I shall never be long as I live forget the sight as I stood on the hill above the town and looked up the valley which the day before had been a succession of green fields, and saw during the flashes of lightning that immense body of seething, foaming, racing water, bearing on its bosom giant pines from the mountains, fences and buildings from the valleys, and saddest of all, an occasional human form, drowned in a fruitless effort to escape from cabin to hill.

Our stream was not the only one that broke all records. The Gallena, which you and Mrs. Duncan know so well, was also in flood. The whole system of dams of the Aqua Pura Co. was carried out, the stone bath houses at the Montezuma destroyed, and further down towards Las Vegas many houses were washed away, including the station at the east end of the bridge, where you used to board the train for the Montezuma Hotel.

At Trinidad the loss was even greater. There the Las Animas was the offending stream, and as it rushed through the heart of the city the property loss was enormous. Among other fine buildings the magnificent new Santa Fe station and hotel were destroyed.

In the Watrous valley I could not see many stirring scenes. It happened during the height of the flood. About three o'clock Friday morning a messenger notified us that the railway embankment north of the town had given way and that the people living behind it were cut off and in great danger. As everyone in town was there safe half a dozen of us formed a relief party, secured horses, and galloped over to see if we could be of any help. The sight that met our eyes was a sad one. Of the six or seven buildings that were grouped behind the embankment only the roof of one and the stone fence surrounding a second could be seen, and had it been that they were out of the direct rush of the stream they would have disappeared also. Upon the stone fence were crouched a man and his wife and a hundred yards of water intervened between us and them. With great difficulty and not a little danger we succeeded in getting to them on horseback before the wall gave way and the roof fell in. A carpenter named Brown had succeeded in getting his wife and two little children into a tree, dressed only in night gowns, with the rain drenching them from above, and the flood hissing through the lower branches of their shelter beneath, they spent two terrible hours before we could possibly rescue them, during which we all well knew that at any moment the tree in which they had taken refuge might go down with a crash and all be lost. But the saddest sight of all remained. In the highest room of the one remaining house a Mr. Stephens had succeeded in getting his sick wife and three small children upon the top of a large table. Just as he did so the roof fell in and pinned them down so that they were held in a vice between the ceiling and the table. The building was settling rapidly and we got to them just as the water was lapping over their heads. Two of the children were drowned, the mother was unconscious and the father and little boy badly injured. We had to hurt them still more to get them out as there was not a moment to lose, but all three are still alive and will likely recover. In the next house four people were drowned, representing four generations—a little boy, his mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Their bodies have not yet been found.

But I must not inflict upon you any more harrowing details. I am sincerely glad the event did not mar the pleasure of Mrs. Duncan's visit to New Mexico, and it will be some time before we can again properly boast concerning our famous dry climate.

Yours very sincerely,

JAMES A. ROLLS.

Watrous, N. M., Oct. 12, 1904.

WILD ANIMALS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

In some parts of Cape Colony, in the primeval forests, where grows the timber out of which the indestructible ox-wagons are fashioned—there are some wagons still in use in the Transvaal which are over one hundred years old—the wild elephant is carefully preserved. But for the most part South Africa is no longer the zoological garden that it was a hundred years ago. Excepting jackals, baboons, and bucks, there are few wild animals to be seen or heard. The lion has retired long ago with giraffes, zebras, quaggas, wild buffaloes, to say nothing of the rhinoceros and the hippopotamus. Of jackals, there are no many that the annual cost of their depredations to the Cape Colony is estimated at \$7,000,000. Baboons infest the hilly country, and are one of the pests of the farmer. Here and there leopards are found—locally known as tigers—but they are rare. Of singing birds there is a plentiful lack. Carnivorous birds, such as hawks and vultures, abound.

Suppose I were to tell you you must not go to the matinee to-day, said Mr. Nagigt. How would you like that?

Oh! ambiguously replied his young wife with a steady glitter in her eyes. I wouldn't mind.



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