

## ..The Planet..

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## A LESSON TO A BOER.

Merriman the Boer politician now in the British Isles advocating publicly the Boer interests and denouncing the British authorities, recently addressed a big meeting in Edinburgh. There was a good deal of hostility shown him and 80 policemen were necessary to keep the peace inside the hall while a large force of mounted constables were engaged outside in preventing the crowd from raiding the hall. There were 15,000 people waiting to see Mr. Merriman outside, but he sneaked out by a side door and escaped.

If Merriman has the sense of an ordinary man he ought to realize that the interest of the Boers will be well looked after in the hands of a power which protects such unwelcome speakers as himself from the national anger of an indignant public.

## PARLIAMENTARY INDEMNITY.

Theoretically a member of parliament gives his services free to the country. Practically he does not, says the Ottawa Citizen. The number of men in the House who could afford to spend from three to five months each year gratuitously serving their country is very limited. Such being the case the members are allowed an indemnity allowance which is intended to defray their expenses while attending the session. Prior to Confederation in the old parliament of Canada the indemnity was \$500. At Confederation it was fixed at \$1,000 and at that figure it remains though the business of the House has increased five-fold since that time. In the matter of the estimates alone, from 150 items they have increased to over 700 items, each necessitating a certain amount of explanation and discussion and a separate vote. In the same way other business has expanded and now instead of averaging three months, as it was when the indemnity of \$1,000 was fixed, the sessions average over four months. Last year the session was 108 days, only five short of the record breaker of 1895, and the past five sessions have averaged over four months. This is the argument in favor of an increase of indemnity, that the amount of time consumed in transacting the public business is so much greater now than when the indemnity was fixed that it should be increased correspondingly to meet the additional expense a member is put to. It has been argued on the other hand that the sessions are unnecessarily long; it has also been alleged that the members have been "making out a case" by spinning the sessions out. It is difficult to believe that the members would lend themselves to the latter scheme, but if it should by any chance be so the permanent increase of the indemnity would be the recipe for shorted sessions because the objective would be removed. On the other hand there is no doubt public business has very much increased since the indemnity was originally fixed and if the laborer is worthy of his hire the members are honestly entitled to more salary. Many question the wisdom of making the indemnity so large as to approximate a salary. Still, there is this to be said, now that the precedent of voting extra indemnities for long sessions has been established, that there is a tendency to drag the sessions out unnecessarily. With the indemnity permanently increased there would be no incentive to that sort of thing and the amount of the increase would be nearly saved on the printing bill for Hansard.

## THE DOMINION SWEAT-BOX.

Of late the Laurier government has been in much the same position as the school-boy, standing on one leg, confused and at his wits' end, entangled in a network of self-woven falsehood, while his stern inquisitor stands over him with a whip, trying to get at the truth of the matter, says the St. Thomas Times. All through the present session of parliament the government has had to be strictly and alertly on the defensive upon every question brought up for discussion—excusing, explaining, equivocating and denying. The opposition has relentlessly pursued the government into a corner on many questions which show up the methods of Liberal leaders in an exceedingly bad light—methods which were never intended to withstand the scrutiny of opposition searchlight. It is almost superfluous to enumerate any of these. The government does not seem to learn prudence by the successive disreputable revelations dragged forth for public inspection. One after another instances are brought forth which are not only discreditable to the Liberal party, but an actual disgrace to the entire country. It is only necessary to particularize the Cook-Senatorship

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scandal: the Clergue contract and the painful exhibition of guilt by Mr. Blair; the fraudulent census circulars admittedly issued for the purpose of obtaining "useful" political information; the stealing of the Nipissing seat, and the complexity of the government in the same—all these must surely impress the honest electors of Canada with the fact that every move of the Liberal party leaders has been actuated by a desire for party or individual, political or monetary aggrandizement. It is well for the country at large, as well as for the Conservative party, that such a man as Mr. Borden is at the head of the opposition, and is eminently fitted to confound the knavish tricks of an unscrupulous hive of self-seeking politicians in league with the Dominion government. The Liberal leaders, at least, will be sincerely thankful when the present session of the House is at end, for it has been one continual sweat-box experience for them on almost every question brought up.

## A GREAT CHANGE.

There's something seriously wrong with the Toronto Globe, comments the Hamilton Spectator. A wonderful change has come over our esteemed contemporary. Here is the evidence of it:

If there is too much talk about race in Ontario, there is also too much in Quebec. It does look as if there are politicians there who rather enjoy being persecuted by the "Ontario fanatics," and being represented as champions of the race; while, of course, the exercise is equally enjoyable to the Ontario gentlemen who pose as defenders of the country against the terrible Frenchmen. It is a sham fight so far as there chamois.

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pions are concerned; each is helping the other to win the popularity which he seeks among his people. As to the people, it takes two to make a race quarrel, like any other. We do not believe there would be any trouble if the question of race were not kept constantly in evidence by a few politicians and journals.

The surprise is not in the Globe's "admission" that there are those who raise the race cry in Ontario. The Globe has insisted upon that for years. But when the principal organ of the Laurier Government tells us that the Quebec people use the race cry, it is as novel as it is true.

We are not talking politics when we say that this is the growing time.

The condemnation of the trailing skirt is of a sweeping character, warbles the Ottawa Citizen.

Our esteemed contemporary claims to be making splendid progress. We are inclined to believe it. It has taken to publishing The Planet's editorial comments.

Dr. Bryce discovered the sister of a Northumberland county small-pox patient at a church fair. Well, we are glad to have another excuse to stay away from church fairs, says the sacrilegious Hamilton Post.

We gather that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is "weak" because he does not take his policy from the opposition papers.—Toronto Globe.

Your gathering is out of kilter. Sir Wilfrid did take his 24th of May policy from the opposition papers, after he had decided to do the very opposite. His weakness belongs to himself.

The London Advertiser, commenting on the resignation of Col. Leys, M. P., says: "It does not seem to be open to the slightest doubt that the facts and right are on the colonel's side." This is rather rough on Premier Ross who has stated that the colonel's resignation was due to a misapprehension of the facts.

What does that good Liberal journal, the Montreal Herald, mean by condemning those "who improperly sought to make use of the census takers for political purposes?" Does not the Herald know that Hon. G. W. Ross warmly commended the action of the machine? Does it not know that later on Ontario Liberal journals denied that any such action had been taken. We beg to call on Brer Gardiner to quietly but decisively read Brer Brierly out of the party.

The New York Sun is printing a lot of old illustrative of the "lack of cohesion" between the Canadian provinces. There may be some slight lack of cohesion apparent at times, but Canada has never found it necessary to weld her provinces together with a club, the way a certain country inappropriately known as the United States has had to do. The Sun might have the name changed to the Re-United States—lest they forget, lest they forget.

Says the Woodstock Express, Independent:—

It looks like a very shabby piece of business, the attempt to deprive Mr. Thornton of his seat, because he made his election deposit by marked cheque instead of cash. When the Dominion Government went so far as to legalize deposits by marked cheque, it might have made the law retroactive so as to have covered Mr. Thornton's case; but this the government distinctly refused to do. Mr. Thornton was properly elected and there can be no moral objection to his taking his seat. The refusal of the Government to enable him to do so will not tend to heighten public respect for government ideals.

## A POINT WELL TAKEN.

Toronto Star. If our money is not to be accepted at par at Buffalo this summer it should stay away.

## LIBELOUS.

Hamilton Spectator. The brute! Max O'Rell says that the most religious woman will postpone an interview with her Maker if she has an appointment with her dressmaker.

## HANGING THERE.

Toronto News. Hon. Mr. Tarte now blames the pilots for the marine disasters on the St. Lawrence, and declares it is not the fault of the narrow channel. Then why deepen or widen the channel?

## THIS SEEMS TO LIBELOUS.

Toronto Mail.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's expression of contempt for the bagpipes indicates that the Premier is not so Scotch after elections. Last November he attended a Scotch celebration at Montreal, wore a plaid and announced that the bagpipes was the only music he really liked.

If you want to be considered as belonging to the Hamilton's 400 all you have to do is to dodge the tax collector. But is it worth all that trouble?

## A LAME BACK

CAUSES MR. C. H. WILCOX YEARS OF GREAT SUFFERING.

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From the Brockville Recorder.

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These pills are sold by all dealers in medicine or may be had by mail at \$2.50 a box or six boxes for \$12.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Do not take any substitute or any other remedy alleged to be "just as good."

## SOMETIME.

Sometime When the winds are soft and the skies are fair, And fresh-tipped flowers are everywhere, And bird-songs float on the balmy air,

Perchance I'll see On the troubled waters a gleaming sail, And I shall know that a boatman pale Has come for me.

Sometime It may be at noon on a summer's day, 'Mid the heat of toil, I shall pass away, And sweetly sleep through the long, long day,

Forgetting care, And the sheaf will drop from the reaper's hand, And lie unbound where the stubbles stand, And there will be grief in the family band, I shall not share.

Sometime It may be when the sheaves are gathered in, And the corn is drawn to the waiting bin, And the goodly fruit is stored within, And the bright leaves fall,

I shall look my last on the sunset's gold, And joyfully pass to the heavenly fold, At the Master's call.

Sometime It may be at noon on a winter's night, I shall pass from darkness into the light, And, wearing a garment pure and white, Seek the bright shore;

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