

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

VERY PROPER DENUNCIATION.

The Liberal press, from the St. Thomas Journal right down to the Chatham Banner, is engaged in blackening Pritchett's character. This seems to us superfluous. The Ontario Government did not hire men with any fine sense of honor for its threshing machine gang. Pritchett is probably everything these journals represent him. And we just want to remind them that the Ross Government represents this man and his former pals. They kept Hardy and Ross in power and though this fact has been amply proved those gentlemen have not had the common decency to resign. Pritchett & Co. stole seats and delivered them to the Hardy-Ross Government. The stolen goods were thankfully accepted at the time and retained, but the beneficiaries are now since the exposure so basely ungrateful as to repudiate the thieves. The Liberal press cannot say anything too harsh about that vigorous and lifelong Liberal worker, Pritchett. They might in fact make their remarks embrace Pritchett's confederates, the men in office who profited by and paid him for his crimes.

U. S. INTERVENTION A DREAM.

The New York Sun in welcoming the Boer delegates was frank enough to tell them that their trip to America was hopeless as far as assistance to the republic was concerned. Politicians out of office may do a lot of cheap talking that has little or no effect on the country's foreign relations. But the administration has to weigh the consequences of its official acts, not on the electors of the United States, but on the foreign nations which these acts affect. The British Government intimated in no uncertain tone early in the campaign that interference meant war from whatever quarter it came. The McKinley administration knows this and has to govern itself accordingly. If the Democrats were in power they would probably be fighting as shy of the Boer peace envoys as the Republicans are to-day. And it is just as likely the latter would be making the same amount of political capital out of the matter as Bryan and his followers now are. But it is safe to say few American electors who are Boer sympathizers will stop to look at the subject in its proper light. There is the New York Sun's frank welcome to the delegates, which goes to show that it at least recognizes the real difficulties of the situation.

"As we stretch one hand to the Boer delegates who arrived here yesterday, to welcome the representatives of a Republic fighting for its independence against an invader resolved on its political absorption, we are bound with the other to uncover the hard truth that we cannot help them."

"Intervention is a dream. Possibly no one in Africa or America ever really dreamed of it. But intervention, that is, coercion, is the only thing that can help the Boers."

"On such occasions it is better that the welcome should be empty than that it should become the ground for false hope."

General Hutton is in luck. He is winning honors in South Africa that would never have been his had he stayed in Canada running a military kindergarten to teach the minister of militia the rudiments of his business.

American sympathy with the Boers will extend about to the limit of using the doomed republic's peace envoys as instruments with which to promote the Democratic presidential campaign.

It is just as well to keep the fire cracker nuisance within bounds as far as possible. At Sarnia, while discharging a giant firecracker, Frank Mitchell, a prominent business man, had the fingers of his right hand blown off and his nose split open.

M. K. Cowan, M. P., of South Essex, in the course of his speech on the hooding charges, in the house of commons the other morning, is reported by the Montreal Star to have said:—"They kept that affidavit in their pants pockets, concealed within their breasts, and they knew it." This eloquence brought down both sides of the house.

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Children are sick children. Their inactivity and sober faces are not in keeping with robust childhood. They lack vitality and resistive power, and are very susceptible to colds and contagious diseases.

Scott's Emulsion brings new life to such children. It enriches the blood; it restores health and activity; it gives vigor and vitality to mind and body.

See and feel. All druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Limited, Toronto.

M. K. Cowan addressed the house of commons for four hours the other evening. What a fine night's sleep most of the members must have had.

The Fenian scare on the Pacific slope seems to be acute. On the Esquimaux fortifications, the guards have orders to shoot to kill in the case of suspicious persons found lurking around at night.

Le Soliel, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's personal organ, takes the Globe to task for prematurely foreshadowing an early election. It says there are many things yet to be done before the party is ready for the fray. Here we have a division of opinion at once which is in line with the prediction The Planet made some time ago—that was, that though an early appeal was intended all right there would be so much difference of opinion among the Liberals as to the opportune date that the life of the present parliament would terminate by effluxion of time before an agreement could be reached.

A LOST PARTY.
Woodstock Times.

Rev. A. H. Drummond, who for some years was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Avonlea, Ontario township, recently became proprietor and editor of the Thamesville Herald. He used to be a Liberal in politics, but judging from the following, which appeared in a late issue of his paper, Mr. Drummond has soured on partyism: "Once upon a time—it seems like long, long ago—there was a Reform party in Canada. Some of us used to think if ever the time came when it should hold the reins of power it would do something worth the doing. The time came, the Reform party went into power, went into power and was lost. Today so far as any vital question is concerned, there is no Reform party in the Dominion. Grits and Tories alike, waste the time, money and land of the people while they squabble over catchpenny legislation."

THE KIND OF TRASH THAT TICKLES THE YANKEE PALATE.

A. J. McGarratt, of Chicago, whose sentiments are still patriotically Canadian, encloses the Planet a poem by some doggerel writer named Basil Swallow, who has probably never set foot in this country to know what he is writing about. However, this country has probably lost nothing by the fellow's neglect if his alleged poetry is any criterion of himself.

Mr. McGarratt says: "The enclosed poem about Canada is the real conception of one of the prominent writers of Chicago. Perhaps he has exaggerated his sentimental ideas to give a pleasing expression to the abounding classes of his fellow country men, who are so bent on their own intrinsic merits that they consider all other nations in a state of semi-civilization."

This is the "poem" in question:

Canada.
O Canada; O Canada;
How sweet is thy fair name,
How cold thy ice ribbed borders,
How infinite thy fame.

O Canada; O Canada;
With ice and snow o'ercoat,
Where each and every winter
Is colder than the last.

Where Polar bears and ermines
For eye their homes have found,
Where snow, since time forgotten,
Has covered up the ground.

Come back, come back, O Summer!
In vain the people cry,
The cold is so persistent,
It never will go away.

In snow and ice the people live,
See naught of Summer's sun,
The walrus are household pets
And frolic 'bout with fun.

O Canada; O Canada;
O land of eternal snow,
Where warmth is ever absent
And grasses never grow.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

In Blenheim Thursday, May 24th, 1900

PROGRAM

Grand Procession of Trades, Fire Department, Calithumpians, Lady and Gentlemen Horseback and Bicycle riders, headed by the Blenheim Citizens' Band.

WITH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:
Calithumpians—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3; 7th, \$2; 8th, \$1.

Trades—1st, \$5; 2nd, \$4; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$2; 5th, \$1.

Best Patriotically dressed gentleman horseback rider—1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Best patriotically dressed lady horseback rider—1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Best patriotically dressed gentleman bicycle rider—1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

HORSE RACES

224 Trot or Pace, purse \$100.

5-Furlong Running Race, purse \$75.

Quarter-mile team race, purse \$60.

Driving races to be mile heats to harness, best three in five; five to enter, three to start. Money divided, 50, 25, and 10 per cent. of purse.

A horse distancing the field to be entitled to first money only. Old distance rules.

Running race, best 2 in 3; four to enter, three to start. Money divided, 60, 30 and 10 per cent. of purse.

Entrance for harness races, 5 per cent. of purse and 5 per cent. from winners.

Entrance for running race, 10 per cent. of purse.

National Trotting Association Rules to govern all harness races, and American Racing Rules to govern all running races, with exceptions contained herein.

BICYCLE RACES

Half-Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Two suits summer underwear, Purse \$25; 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 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