

## The Planet

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### PAY OFF CANADA'S DEBT.

Here is a little table from the Public Accounts, page 51, showing how the taxes have grown:

	Customs.	Excise.	Total.
1866-67	\$19,833,378	\$7,936,005	\$27,769,383
1867-68	19,478,247	9,170,378	28,648,625
1868-69	21,704,802	7,841,562	29,546,364
1869-70	25,916,841	9,641,227	35,558,068

The taxes for 1898-9 are larger than any yet collected from us in one year; they are \$7,201,000 higher than the taxes of the last Conservative year were.

Every Canadian pays \$1.44 more per annum for Liberal rule than he paid for Conservative rule, and the increase per family of five is \$7.20.

Each man, woman, and child has to pay \$6.55 to Ottawa, and each family of five \$34.95.

And yet, with all this increasing revenue, we are still running into debt. What will become of the country when times get bad if we cannot even pay our way when they are booming?

### THE VACANT COUNTY COURT CLERKSHIP.

It is none of this great family journal's funeral who the Liberals give the county court clerkship to. What is more, it doesn't care if they do not give it to anybody. If the Conservatives had the appointment it would expect to see the vacant office go to a deserving and competent party worker. And we judge the Liberals have their own right to look at the matter in the same light. Because a man has attended to Robert Ferguson's private business in a manner highly satisfactory to Robert, that is no reason why the Reform party should be called upon to reward the gentleman with a fat office. In the making of these appointments the members are only trustees to carry out the wishes of their supporters. If a member undertakes to use the spoils which fall to the dominant party, not to reward those who have contributed to the success of that party, but to benefit his personal friends, he will soon have a large-sized revolution in the ranks. In West Kent hard and hot political fighting has to be done every election, and the people who do it cannot be blamed if they want something to say in the disposal of the spoils. It will hardly stimulate our Liberal friends in this riding to renewed exertions if Mr. Purdo stands by and permits this office to go to a protégé of Mr. Ferguson's, whose party service it would take a field glass to discover at this distance.

### COMING TO THEIR SENSES.

The Americans are slowly beginning to come to their senses regarding the lumber question. As long as they could get our logs free of duty and tax our lumber \$2 a thousand their mills boomed with our logs, while many of ours were idle, having no market for their output. When the Conservative party of Ontario were urging the Hardy government to act in the matter of prohibiting altogether the export of logs some of the American millionaires saw the danger to their trade and tried to get congress to reduce the tariff on our logs to \$1. Another section of the U. S. lumbermen, however, convinced congress that they had Canada at their mercy and insisted on a \$2 duty. Now some of those same \$2 men are in Washington asking the authorities to afford them relief so that they can get Canadian logs.

A despatch from Washington to the Detroit Free Press says: The present situation with regard to exports of lumber from Ontario is the same as has existed for many months and has caused great embarrassment, not only to the owners of Canadian sawmills, but also to saw mill owners who have relied upon this source of supply to keep their mills in operation. It is stated that more than 40,000,000 feet of the lumber in question have been cut but cannot be brought to the American mills because of Canada's action. Within the past year great efforts have been made to relieve this situation, but without success. The joint high commission considered the subject, and it has been a matter of negotiation between the British and Canadian governments. At one time an official statement was made at the treasury department that the secretary would seek a remedy by imposing retaliatory duties on Canadian lumber, but was subsequently referred to the attorney-general where it appears to have been pigeon-holed. The question of retaliation by special act of congress has also been considered and during the closing days of the congress the plan was discussed by the tariff leaders of both houses, but was not carried into effect. It is difficult to see what aid can be offered this important interest unless Canada can be made to see the error of her ways through moral suasion. It goes without saying that any attempt to invoke the policy of retaliation would result in reprisals, precipitating a tariff war that would last indefinitely.

Mr. Purdo is realizing that even the honor of representing such a fine county as Kent in the legislature has its drawbacks.

Those Canucks now over in South Africa have lived alongside us Yankees long enough to see how to become pretty fair soldiers from just watching us.—Oswego Times.

If they imitated you they would stay at home and do their fighting with their mouths at long range.

Mr. Hugh John Macdonald is a man of his word. He said he would have but three paid Ministers, and three is the number he has chosen.—Mail and Empire.

That is the difference between Hugh John and Laurier. The Liberals in opposition said there were too many ministers at Ottawa and promised to reduce the number. When they got in power they kept their pledge by increasing the number by two.

Eight Tories fined \$200 each and disqualified for eight years, is so far the record of the courts in punishing corruption in South Ontario.—Stratford Beacon.

There is Liberal editorial reasoning for you. These men have been fined and disqualified for accepting bribes to vote Conservative. Now if the eight victims were Tories will the Beacon please explain why it was necessary for the Conservative party to bribe them to vote Tory?

The minister of the interior has acted thoughtfully and patriotically in issuing instructions to all Dominion land agents in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories that any person who holds a homestead under the Dominion Lands Act, volunteering and being accepted for service in South Africa, either with the first or second Canadian contingents, shall be allowed to have the time during which he is engaged in the campaign to count as residence upon his homestead.

There was a time not so very long ago either when it was considered an honor to occupy a seat at the council board, but now two of the seven offices are going begging. Business men have become so disgusted with the peculiar methods practised there that they refuse to be associated with the town council.—Bowmanville Statesman.

No wonder people with any pride about them don't want to be identified with the place. Isn't Bowmanville the town where the mayor left a badly injured man, found on the railway track, lying on a bench in the station house a whole day for fear if he sent him to the hospital the corporation might have to pay a few dollars for his support?

Archbishop O'Connor, of Toronto, has just made a most important decision regarding a most important decree from the Pope, published in the United States, and which, among other matters, prohibits the celebration of marriage between Catholics and Protestants during the Holy year, 1900; except by direct dispensation from the Pope. There has been some uncertainty as to whether the decree applied to Canada or not, but Archbishop O'Connor has decided that members of the Catholic Church within his jurisdiction will have to be bound by it and other Canadian archbishops will probably soon make similar announcements. This means that during 1900 no Catholic in Canada will be allowed to marry a Protestant and remain a member of the Catholic Church unless a special dispensation is obtained from the Pope. For seventy-five years such marriages have been permitted under dispensation from the diocesan bishops.

### THE VALUE OF ENTRENCHMENTS

Toronto Star.

The Boers failed to do at Ladysmith exactly what the British failed to do at the Tugela and Modder rivers. There is this difference, however,—the Boers attacked in superior force, but the British attacked in inferior force. In addition, the Boers were more strongly entrenched at the Tugela and the Modder than the British at Ladysmith, which is poorly adapted to withstand a siege.

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### THE KLONDIKE SCANDAL WILL NOT DOWN.

Dawson City Gleaner.

Can any wonder be expressed that men's very blood boils with anger and anguish at a government that would trample upon the rights of men as has been done in this rich but accurately governed Yukon? Is it any wonder that big, stalwart men will stand with tears in their eyes as they damn the administration which so boldly, viciously and outrageously tramples upon their very souls?

### SOUND PHILOSOPHY.

Toronto Globe.

There has been a habit of using an exposure of corruption as a stick with which to beat the other party, and of trying to offset corruption on one side with corruption on the other. To put the matter bluntly, there has been an extraordinary mixture of callousness and cant in dealing with the subject. There have been two standards, one for the friend and the other for the enemy. What is wanted is to abolish both these standards and to substitute a common standard founded upon common sense and common honesty.

### GLASGOW HOUSE CLEANING.

A Renovation Which Has Been of Great Service to the Poor.

It is now about thirty years since the city of Glasgow went into the lodging-house business. In the very heart of the city there has been built up a densely populated system of "closes" and "wynds" which were a continual menace to public health. Every house, yes, every room, had become a lodging-house where every consideration of morality, decency and health was utterly disregarded. Registration, restrictions and limitations were tried, but proved futile to check the overcrowding, and at last the energetic Scottish officials, securing full power, entered upon a sweeping condemnation and clearing out of the foul buildings about the Trongate and Saltmarket.

With the razing of the slums came the problem of sheltering the homeless, and this proved a troublesome matter. At first the property was offered in the open market, at very low prices, but with wise and rigid restrictions as to the purpose, character and sanitary provisions of proposed buildings. Investors proved shy, and perhaps, expecting that the Town Council would find a "white elephant" on its hands, and be forced to sacrifice at low prices, and on buyers' own terms. But they were disappointed. The Town Council courageously faced the situation, and one of the results is a system of municipal lodging-houses which may be considered models in every respect.

There are seven of these houses, one being a women's lodging-house, and the eighth has recently been finished as a "family lodging-house," where a widow or widower may have a comfortable room with accommodation for three or four children, who will be cared for during the day while the parent is away employed, and all at a cost of 8d. (16 cents) per night. The prices charged by the Town Council for lodgings range from 31-2d. to 41-2d. for a single-bedded cubicle allowing 570 cubic feet of air to each lodger, the only difference being in the altitude of the location and an extra sheet; and 6d. (12 cents) for a small single-bedded room about eight feet square, with wash basin, stand and chair. The system has been most successful in every respect.—Municipal Affairs.

### Patti's Advice.

"I don't believe in coddling myself and making my voice too tender," said Miss Patti to a young American who sought her advice. "I keep my vocal powers at their full by extreme care but I have never made myself sensitive to slight exposure."

"Harden yourself; build up your constitution; don't occupy overheated rooms at any time; live out of doors at least two hours every day and walk and drive; of course don't go to extremes and expose yourself in raw, damp air. But don't be afraid to breathe plenty of good fresh air even if the weather is cold. That's my advice. Where one voice is injured by exposure, twenty are hurt by singing when the voice is not in a good condition. Even when I've had to lose \$2,000 by missing a performance, I have invariably pocketed the loss for the greater gain and my voice has outlasted twice over those who began their career with me."

"Let me give you another piece of advice. When you are out of doors always keep a bit of candy in your mouth not to eat but to dissolve so as to keep the palate and throat moist. I never go out summer or winter, without a chocolate caramels in my mouth, by letting it dissolve as slowly as possible."

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