

The Planet

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BEWARE OF OLD STAMPS.

A surgeon in the French army has just discovered that stamp collectors may be the means of disseminating tuberculosis by means of the stamps. A man in his employ was a great stamp collector, and occupied his spare time in fixing the stamps in albums or on sheets of gummed paper for sale, moistening the stamps for the purpose with his tongue. Three hundred of these stamps were placed in sterilized water, and with some of the water eight guinea pigs were inoculated. Each died with characteristic tuberculous lesions. Children, says the journal, should be warned against putting any stamps near their mouths in order to moisten them, and foreign stamps should be disinfected in a five per cent solution of carbolic acid before adding them to collections.

ENTANGLING ALLIANCES.

Few people will agree with Premier Ross in his strained and stifled defence of ministers of the crown occupying positions on the directorate of companies which come before the government for favors, such as railway, electric, dining, insurance and banking companies, all of which, at one time or another, have some favors to ask of the administration. Mr. Ross contends that the exclusion of ministers from the directorate of such companies would prevent some of our ablest men in public life becoming ministers. Mr. Ross and his attorney-general, Mr. Gilson, are officers of some four great commercial undertakings, and other members of the Cabinet are mixed up in smaller companies. The effect of this outside leverage is seen daily, by special and undeserved favors to enterprises officially connected with members of the Government. In Great Britain, a member of the Government being on the directorate of a commercial enterprise is so strongly condemned by public opinion that such a thing is unknown; the danger to the state of such divided allegiance is too well known. The exclusion from the British Cabinet of presidents, vice-presidents or directors of companies has not prevented some of the cleverest statesmen being members of the Government. Premier Ross need not be alarmed that the supply of possible cabinet ministers will become scarce should we adopt the British custom. The province is full of men quite as capable of managing its affairs as the men now in office.

How much of the credit for the relief of Ladysmith belongs to Roberts and how much to Buller?

Formerly in the old country it was "those blooming colonials." Now they speak of us as "our fellow-subjects, the Canadians."

Voting machines are all right in their places, but if they are for the use of the Ross government they should be made fire proof.

Perhaps that correspondent who was murdered in Mafeking was mistaken for a London military critic. If so, let us say no more about it.

When Cronje found that Roberts had him penned up in the bed of a river, he must have taken himself for a sucker.

Seeing that everything is coming the lion's way just now, March came in like one. May, it continues to reverse the usual order of things, however, and go out like a lamb.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, in the "By-stander" column of the Toronto Sun, accuses Sir, Wilfrid Laurier of deserting the cause of Liberalism. He doesn't like the political outlook when, as he says, both the Government and the opposition are Tory.

It is very unfortunate to find the Property Committee resorting to the old and discredited practice of holding hole-and-corner meetings in private offices for the transaction of public business. A by-law exists fixing a time and place for each committee to meet. If that by-law is to be ignored it had better be wiped out altogether.

Mr. Frederic Irving Taylor, of Victoria, B. C., writes thus of Canada's fallen sons: "Peace to the fallen—they who died as heroes for their country's pride! 'Tis vain to weep, yet shall the tear drop meekly o'er the warrior's bier; For 'twere glorious to record Their dauntless sweep thro' fire and sword; Can we forget, while triumph glows, The son who sank to death's repose—The brother, comrade, lover, friend, On whom our tenderest hopes depend? Yet died they as true heroes die—Face to the foe; heart to the sky; And one fond thought would fain beguile; They live in our victorious smiles."

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As a result of the lawsuit between Carnegie and Frick, it has come out that the profits of the former last year were \$21,000,000. This year they expect to clear \$30,000,000. There must be something rotten in an industrial system that permits a man to live in Scotland and at the same time reap such wealth in the States.

The London News boasts that though Cronje's surrender, 7,000 miles away, occurred at day break, it had an extra out with the news by 9:30 the same morning. That is nothing. General Buller's despatch announcing his visit to Ladysmith was filed at his headquarters near the relieved town at 5:20 p. m., yesterday afternoon, and yet appeared in the four o'clock Planet the same day.

New Year's Day is a good time for municipal voting, and in the case of Dominion and Provincial contests the suggestion of Mr. Puttee that polling places in cities should be kept open until 8 p. m. will generally commend itself.—Brantford Courier.

If the polls did not close until eight o'clock it would be impossible to get many returns the same evening. If there is to be any change it would be better to make polling day a statutory holiday.

So the Irish societies of Detroit won't ask the Irish Catholics of Windsor to celebrate the 17th of March with them, because they suspect the latter of being loyal to the British cause in South Africa. This is too bad; but we trust our Irish friends in Windsor will survive the awful punishment anyway, if they stay at home, they will know they are in decent, respectable company, which is more than they could be sure of if they spent the day among a lot of Fenian ruff raff in Detroit.

As the Planet is not given to slandering even over British valor it may be pardoned for expressing the opinion that all this nonsense about Cronje's brave defence is rubbish. When Cronje found his command in danger he ran away. When he could run no further on account of British obstruction he stopped and hid himself in a river bed where he was so well sheltered that his losses were very trifling. He stayed there as long as his food lasted and his defences were safe from assault. When his food got scarce and the Canadians were actually storming his entrenchments he surrendered. We can't see anything extraordinary about all that. Why,

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even General Shafter or any other fourth rate rear guard American commander might have done as well.

GOT OVER THEIR NERVOUSNESS.

Toronto Mail.

It is very clear that the politicians who "viewed with alarm" the expenditure of \$38,000,000 a few years ago are feeling better. They spent some \$55,000,000 last year; and their preliminary estimates for next year propose that they shall spend \$49,000,000 more.

The supplementary estimates and the railway subsidies are to follow.

MALADMINISTRATION.

Montreal Witness, Liberal.

The appointment of Mr. McShane to the position of harbor master in the port of Montreal will, it is angrily asserted in trade circles, lose the Government thousands of votes in the next general election. As to that, the politicians have no doubt made their own calculations. Vandal politicians, who consider that business interests must not be allowed to stand in the way of partisan politics, have been besieging the Harbor Commissioners for a year and a half past in the interest of Mr. McShane, and the majority of the commissioners have yielded to this importunity by making such an appointment as shows how far party politicians are willing to go in the direction of betraying the business interests at the behest of the Government. The present administration got the support of many honest men because of the maladministration of their predecessors, yet in this instance they have outshamed their opponents. The salary and allowances of Captain Howard, the late harbor master, amounted to \$3,100, and his assistant's salary was \$1,000, making a total of \$4,100. Captain Bourassa, who has fulfilled all the duties of the office for several years past, has been paid \$2,350. His salary has now been raised to \$2,750, with allowance for horse, and Mr. McShane gets \$3,000. Therefore, the shipping interests of Montreal have to bear a burden of \$5,500 in excess of \$4,100 in what Liberals have hitherto considered the palmy days of Conservative corruption. As the individual cannot offend against the present Government, but really at the expense of the public trust, so the common honesty of the port, while the same men who reduced the salary of the chief engineer about two years ago by \$1,000, ostensibly in the interests of economy, but really at the expense of the Government, the object being to drive the chief engineer from office. We would again urge the business interests of this port to send a delegation to Ottawa with a strong protest against this appointment. We hope that the Government as a whole, if acquainted with the circumstances of this appointment by business men, will protect the interests of the port.

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