

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

DO YOU LIKE THE TAXES

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| Taxes in 1895, Conserva- | \$25,446,178 00 |
| Taxes in 1900, New Lib- | \$7,919,772 00 |
| Increased taxes paid on by | 12,473,694 00 |
| new Liberals | |
| Annual increase for each | |
| woman, man and | 2 50 |
| child | |
| Annual increase for each | 12 50 |
| family of five | |
| Five more years of Mr. | |
| Tarte will cost each | 63 50 |
| family | |

A REBUKE.

The Renfrew Mercury, that at one time made a show of independence and did sacrifice for its principles, suffering at the hands of members of its own political party, has lately excited the wonder of certain of its former admirers at its subservience to party interests, and that not the party of Mackenzie and Blake, but of Tarte and Sifton and Blair. So pronounced had this become that the Rev. Rodrick Muckay, of Sherbrooke, in reviewing his subscription, writes this rebuke to the editor of the Mercury:

Dear Sir,—I hereby renew my subscription to the Mercury, hoping you may soon free yourself from political bonds, and write and publish what you believe to be true. You used to manifest some independence of soul, but latterly . . . you have bound yourself hand and foot, body, mind and spirit to a political party, even going the length of directly asserting or implying that the world-wide financial and commercial activity at present evident is the result of a few very trifling changes in the tariff made by a few very ordinary politicians at Ottawa. It would be as rational to state that the procession of the Equinoxes or the librations of the moon are caused by the flight of wild ducks. What I deplore is that a man would lend himself to such nonsense. I am fond of humbug on a small scale, but this is too fascinating.

We commend this remonstrance to the Liberal orators (I) who are now over-running Kent county. The rot they talk about the present world-wide prosperity being the product of the Laurier Government is so ridiculously amusing that they must feel exceedingly childish when they are talking such absurd rot.

WORKMEN, ASK YOUR WIFE!

The Liberals who they were in opposition, distinctly promised that they would reduce the cost of living. Have they kept this promise?

Let the workman ask his wife if the household expenses are any less than they were in 1896.

Are groceries cost less than they did in 1896?

Are boots and shoes any cheaper?

Has the price of hats gone down?

How much less does it cost to buy a dress?

What is the present cost of linen and cotton as compared with 1896?

Is thread cheaper now than it was four years ago? How much less do you pay for pins and needles?

How much did you pay for your last new curtain?

Is tinware cheaper than it was when the Liberals were in opposition?

How much has been knocked off the price of crockery?

Has the price of sewing machines been greatly reduced?

Are stoves cheaper or dearer than they were in 1896?

What is the price of coal?

How much has the cost of heating a house been reduced since 1896?

Are you buying new furniture now?

Is it cheaper now than it was when the Conservatives were in power?

In short, do the weekly wages buy as much now as they did in 1896?

Certainly, the average Canadian workman's wages should buy much more now than in 1896, for that was the closing year of a world-wide depression which disastrously affected industries in England, the United States, Germany, France, Belgium and other countries in Europe, as well as Australasia, and the countries of Central America and South America, whereas during the last four years foreign countries have enjoyed unprecedented prosperity.

WHAT TARTE DOES.

La Defense, the organ of Ald. Stephens and his party, at Chatham, is out hotly against Great Britain. It says:

"The drama which for some months has been unrolled in South Africa approaches its end. A few difficulties of detail, a few more cannon shots, and it will be over. Force will have triumphed over right, over justice and courage."

"The heroic people of the Transvaal pay with their blood and their liberty for the audacious wish to remain masters of their own country. They fail, and the conquerors are about to divide the spoil, as brigands do after having assassinated a traveller in a corner of the wood."

"But the traveller was brave, and well armed, he long defended himself; he called for help and his cries have been heard by the entire world."

"The Boers are threatened under the eyes of the universe, which sanctions

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lously looks on, while this crime is accomplished and takes no heed, because it has nothing to gain in taking part with the oppressed.

"The egotism of the day will have it so—everyone for himself. But sensitive hearts will close their ears if they cannot hear the cries of the victims."

"We have already had the massacre of the Armenians, the humanitarian campaign of Cuba and of the Philippines; to-day it is the Transvaal, tomorrow it will be the turn of another people."

This is the evil sentiment the Tarte propaganda is promoting. Stop it by putting Tarte out. And you can only put Tarte out by voting against Ald. Stephens.

Casey's bound to go to bat whether its his innings or not.

Englishmen are bigots. Liberal canvassing cry in Dover.

You cannot suppress Tarte by voting for his candidates, Stephens and Gordon.

Laurier may favor British preference, but Tarte's preferences are certainly French.

How do the Roman Catholics of Chatham and Kent like being dragged into voting for Stephens by a Toronto carpetbagger?

The Liberals may slander Englishmen all they like, but they will want their votes just the same before this election is over.

Note that Stephens still hangs on to Mulvey, the Toronto carpetbagger, who is accused of using the cry against the Sons of England in Dover.

The Binner is rubbing it into Mr. Lamont over the defeat of his cold storage by-law in 1893 and trying to make out that it was really a pork packing scheme in disguise. Mr. Lamont's project is trailed by that journal in the mad for the purpose of proving that Ald. Stephens had the authority of the people behind him when he knocked Chatham out of a pork factory.

Justice MacMahon on the bench at the office of the fall assizes in Toronto, commented unfavorably on the law which made it necessary to have evidence heard by a coroner, then by a police magistrate and thirdly by a grand jury, because it was "often inconvenient and always expensive, useless and ludicrous." The adoption of the ticket-of-leave system, and the power which had been given the courts to have "armed burglars" whipped his Lordship thought were happy innovations.

BLOOD

We live by our blood, and on it. We thrive or starve, as our blood is rich or poor.

There is nothing else to live on or by.

When strength is full and spirits high, we are being refreshed, bone muscle and brain, in body and mind, with continual flow of rich blood. This is health.

When weak, in low spirits, no cheer, no spring, when rest is not rest and sleep is not sleep, we are starved; our blood is poor; there is little nutrient in it.

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ALL GROCERS.

Well, probably the Sons of England will survive this campaign.

The Laurier Government doesn't levy any duty on diamonds.

Slander the Sons of England or anybody else as long as it will make a vote.—The Liberal policy in Kent.

The English are no good.—The Stephens cry in Dover. The English are all right.—The Liberal claim in Chatham.

The Ridgeway Dominion has entered upon its sixth year. It ought to enjoy a long and prosperous career, for it is one of the brightest and best weeklies in the province.

The workman's necessities, with the exception of his diamonds, are taxed up to the top notch by the Laurier Government. Diamonds are allowed to come into this country free of duty.

A correspondent in North Gray writes that in each of three of the polling divisions the chairman of the Liberal-Conservative Committee is an old Liberal who never cast a Liberal-Conservative vote.

What a happy family the Liberals are. At the West Elgin nomination Mr. Casey said Mr. McGagan was the candidate of a packed convention, and Mr. McGagan declared Mr. Casey was a candidate as the result of a conspiracy.

"But I wish to maintain the present order of things only so long as Canada is not strong enough to become a nation."—J. Israel Tarte at Laval.

Israel, old boy, do you forget that Sir Wilfrid declared he had already made Canada a nation?

Mr. W. J. Butler, a prominent Liberal of East Northumberland, writes that he is dismayed by the failure of the leaders to answer Mr. Cook's statements. "I feel very sorry to take this step," he says, "but I see no other way only to turn the men out of office who have lost the confidence of all right-thinking Reformers."

Ballington Booth does not get much of a welcome to Canada from the Hamilton Herald, which says he declared at a public meeting in the United States that he scorned his native country and prayed for British disasters in South Africa. The Herald says "this fellow" should be treated with contempt.

There was need of H. H. Cook's statutory declaration concerning the sale of senatorships. People must realize that politicians who own "machines" and send out perjurers and pluggers must have a reptile fund to pay them with. Criminals and thugs don't work for even the Laurier government for nothing. And money for that reptile fund must be obtained in some way.

The Banner now has another article on the pork factory matter which contradicts the rubbish it published the other day. Then it said Ald. Stephens reported that the scheme was "without the jurisdiction of the council." It seems that was all wrong. Now the Banner quotes Ald. Stephens' report as declaring that "it is not one of the council's duties and therefore recommend no action." The Banner has a column article apologizing for Ald. Stephens' blocking the project, which goes to emphasize the fact that he did block it and as he intimated in a recent speech, because Mayor Smith brought it in. Are the electors of Chatham going to stand that kind of thing?

SMITH'S MAJORITY 200.

Dominion.

A gentleman in a position to know says Smith will defeat Stephens in Kent by 200 majority.

A well posted friend writes us from Petrolia that Simmonds, Conservative, will carry East Lambton by a good majority.

FOUR GREAT MEN.

Kingston News.

Laurier makes the sun to shine and Tarte the moon to shed forth light at night. Blair made all the railways and Sifton the Yukon. Thank goodness these four great men are alive. If they were not, we all might be so poor that we would have to eat Dr. Borden's dog biscuits. Let us be thankful for small favors.

THE BORDEN VIEW OF THE EMERGENCY RATION.

Exchange.

Doubtless, before the campaign is over some returned warrior who is also a Liberal, will rise to state that the only fault to be found with the emergency ration was that it was so supremely delicious that the soldier boys couldn't wait for an emergency and devoured the ration the instant they got their hands on it.

SMITH FOR KENT.

Ridgeway Dominion.

The signs all point to victory for T. A. Smith in Kent. Scores of old Liberals, disappointed in the non-fulfillment of the pledges made by their leaders when in Opposition, are openly announcing that they will support the Conservative candidate in the coming

battle. Mr. Smith has proved a far stronger and Mr. Stephens a far weaker candidate than many electors at first supposed. The tide has run in Mr. Smith's favor from the start and on Wednesday next will be at the flood. The Conservatives of Kent are united as in the old days, and a united Conservative party in Kent means victory. All over the riding good work is being done and another week's united effort will undoubtedly result in Mr. Smith's election by a good majority.

The popular vote in all the provinces at the last general elections was as follows:

| | Con. | Lib. | Ind. |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Ontario | 191,052 | 166,335 | 62,639 |
| Quebec | 85,880 | 118,878 | 3,726 |
| Nova Scotia | 50,772 | 40,186 | 737 |
| N. Brunswick | 31,606 | 28,868 | 5,832 |
| P. E. Island | 9,157 | 9,154 | 321 |
| Manitoba | 15,450 | 11,519 | 5,966 |
| R. Columbia | 8,174 | 8,321 | 1,067 |
| N. W. T. | 7,812 | 9,693 | 214 |
| Total | 413,006 | 397,194 | 80,511 |

The amount spent by the various cities of Ontario in guarding the public health is as follows:

| City. | Amount spent in 1899. | Population. | Expenditure per capita. |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Brantford | \$ 600 | 13,682 | 4.3 |
| Chatham | 925 | 9,712 | 9.5 |
| Belleville | 79 | 10,639 | 0.7 |
| Guelph | 1,059 | 11,308 | 9.3 |
| Hamilton | 9,734 | 52,562 | 18.5 |
| Kingston | 731 | 20,668 | 3.5 |
| London | 2,519 | 33,273 | 7.5 |
| Ottawa | 11,089 | 47,380 | 23.3 |
| Stratford | 714 | 10,191 | 7.0 |
| St. Catharines | 796 | 9,837 | 8.0 |
| St. Thomas | 1,120 | 11,120 | 9.8 |
| Windsor | 2,101 | 11,074 | 18.9 |
| Toronto | 41,273 | 199,917 | 20.6 |

The above, in most cases, includes street cleaning, but in Chatham and Toronto this is not included.

QUICK MAILS.

The Cannon Ball Will Beat Railroad Trains or Any Other Speed Yet Known.

After all, there's no reason why we shouldn't have quicker mails.

There's the matter with the cannon-ball post?

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A great cannon will throw a shell nine miles in about one minute, which beats railroad train, pneumatic tube, carrier pigeon or even any conceivable speed of an airmail.

There's nothing new in the idea, either, though the cannon-ball post has been more often used in the Boer war than ever before.

The besieged Ladysmith garrison sent the Boers a Christmas card, inclosed in a fifty-pounder, on the morning of December 25 last. Not to be outdone in politeness, the Boers, on New Year's Eve, fired two plugged Palliser shells into the British camp. On one was inscribed the compliments of the season. The other contained a real English plum-pudding, accompanied by a—*for a Boer*—facetiously ironical letter of greeting. It was, perhaps, the most deadly missile ever fired.

It seems to be agreed that Gen. Buller succeeded in sending news to Gen. Buller from Ladysmith by firing shells containing messages to points indicated by wig-wag signals. During the long siege of Mafeking many messages were fired into and out of the beleaguered town. Toward the end of the siege many of the shells fired by Baden-Powell were marked "With the compliments of Cecil Rhodes." Similarly, during the Franco-German war the German bombarded Strasbourg with shells ironically marked "a Berlin"—"on to Berlin" having been the cry of the French at the outbreak of the war.

Later, during the investment of Paris hundreds of shells filled with letters were fired from the city. Many were captured by the Germans, some went astray and were lost, but some were picked up by French peasants, and reached those for whom they were intended.

These letter-filled bombshells are liable to bury themselves in the ground by their own impact. One such unearthed not long since in a wood near Vincennes. It contained some two hundred letters, the dates upon which showed that the shell containing them had been fired during the early days of the siege.

The earliest recorded instance of the use of the letter-filled bomb was at the siege of Tournay, when the garrison hit upon this expedient for opening communications with the outside world. It was owing to one of their aerial post offices, filled with plans and dispatches, falling short, and thereby coming into British hands, that the discovery was made of the position of that subterranean store of "gunpowder" afterward known as the "Great Mine."

A portion of the camp was found to be within the danger-zone, and was removed to a safer locality. The Dutch, however, refused to take warning, believing the whole affair to be a ruse of the enemy. The result was that over four hundred of them were blown to pieces in the explosion which took place early in the morning of the following day.

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