

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

A COMING POWER.

Writing of the confederation of the Australian provinces in the Forum, H. H. Lusk says: "It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that the close of the century will witness no more important political event than that of the establishment of the new federation. The event will, it is true, present none of the more startling, and therefore attractive, features we are accustomed to look for in events generally esteemed of leading importance in the political history of the world; and to be fully appreciated, it may, for that reason, require a closer scrutiny than many people are in the habit of giving such matters. We are apt to connect the birth of nations with revolutionary wars and declarations of independence; and there is an old idea which connects with the roar of cannon and the clash of arms all political events of far-reaching importance. The federal union of the Anglo-Saxon colonies of Australia has none of these attractions to offer. It has not even the distinction of being the formal inauguration of a new sovereign state—of adding one more to the recognized governments of the world. There will be no severance of the ties that bind Australia to Great Britain; no formal change in the relations of the governments; and yet, in reality, the establishment of the Pacific commonwealth will mean vastly more both to England and to the rest of the world than any political event that has occurred for several decades."

A SECOND CONTINGENT.

The press is commencing to recommend that in view of the serious character the African war is assuming, Canada should be ready to proffer more assistance, if needed. The Toronto Mail suggests that the authorities should have a regiment in training. If more troops are wanted by Great Britain from her chief colony it will be something more than a regiment.

It is reported that Gen. Hutton's original suggestion was that Canada should offer a squadron or regiment of cavalry, three batteries of artillery, and two regiments of infantry—about 2,000 troops. It is now said that the British authorities decided to take one regiment as a sample. It has been sent up to the front, and if it does well, as it undoubtedly will, they will send for a substantial force of Canadians equal to sample.

When the mother country is almost driven to the extremity of mobilizing her half million volunteers, it is no time for the chief colony to talk about placing a thousand men at her disposal. The army in South Africa is short of cavalry and artillery. Canada has a splendidly equipped force of artillery, the same description and using the same ammunition as the British batteries, and any force of that arm sent out from here could be horsed to perfection. A good cavalry force could also be raised, including several troops of cowboy scouts from the Northwest. Some infantry may also be needed, but what Britain wants most of all in South Africa are guns and cavalry.

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Tarte is credited with saying that votes are not won by prayers. Indeed, no. At least Hon. John Dryden doesn't get his that way.

Why not call the nomination meeting for the evening of Friday, Dec. 22nd, instead of for the day time, and let us have some speaking on live municipal subjects.

The Ridgeway Dominion compliments Hon. David Mills on not joining in the unemely race for tin-pot titles which the present Ottawa ministers indulged in as soon as they got into power.

Hamilton is to secure two factories employing 400 men each, because it can furnish cheap electric power, and is negotiating for a third. If we only had that power-dam up the river now this city would be right in the competition.

The London Advertiser at last concedes the Conservatives 21 out of the 22 seats they carried in Manitoba. At the same time it figures that if Mr. Greenway can recapture one or two on the recounts, and also win the two elections yet to be held, Hugh John will not have a working majority. The poor Tizer hates to give up.

A Kingston merchant has figured out that during the current year Canadians have paid \$2,500,000 more for coal oil than during the year previous, and the recent advance of two cents per gallon will yield the monopolists \$1,500,000 more. Oh! Archie, Archie, after all your promises of cheap coal oil, see how you have permitted your constituents to be robbed for the benefit of a big Yankee monopoly.

The captain of the Hamburg-American line steamer Canada declares that his vessel was saved from wreck on its last trip from Hamburg to New York by the effects of oil upon water. The passage was very rough and the force of the waves so great that the vessel was in danger of being broken to pieces. Four oil bags were hung over the side of the vessel and the oil allowed to drip onto the water. The effect was to effectually deaden the force of the waves that New York was reached in safety. The voyage occupied 21 days, during which the weather was continually tempestuous.

While large British forces are battling to relieve Kimberley and Ladysmith it must not be imagined that Col. Baden-Powell and his gallant little band are being left to their fate at Mafeking. A force from Rhodesia, north of the Free State, is on its way to relieve Mafeking. On Dec. 2 it was at Gaberone's Fort, repairing the railway, as it came south, and not meeting with opposition. As Gaberone's is only about eighty miles north of Mafeking, we may hear that Baden-Powell is relieved any day by the Rhodesians.

A LONG-HEADED PLAN.

Chicago News.

England's plan of campaign in South Africa is now transparently obvious to the dullast observer. Gen. Buller evidently intends to impose so many prisoners upon the Boers that the brave but far from wealthy burghers will be eaten out of house and home and have to surrender to escape starvation and eviction.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY.

Buffalo Enquirer.

There is probably one way to secure a permanent cheap telephone service and that is by public ownership, but the people are not ready for that yet. It seems unfortunate that they should not be, but as long as men like being robbed why worry about them? That is the kind of thing they like.

IT'S YOUR MOVE, SIR WILFRID.

Events.

What will Laurier do toward preserving Canadian resources for the Canadian people? Will he take the

broad hint thrown out by the action of the Ross government, or will he continue to watch unmoved the despoliation of Canadian forests and mines for the benefit of alien investors and alien workmen? Time alone can answer these questions, but there is one that is more easily answered, and that is, What should be the fate of the Laurier government if it fails in its duty to the Canadian people? No one will hesitate to say that it should be relieved of office, and a more patriotic set of legislators elected to its place.

ONTARIO'S DISGRACE.

Alexandria Disgrace. The feeling that comes over the average elector in reading of the election frauds and deceptions that have been perpetrated in the name of patriotism, is one of absolute nausea. We could wish that these evidences of rottenness could be wiped out as speedily as possible and that Ontario might start with a clean slate. We believe the people would be willing to overlook the heinous crimes committed on behalf of the Hardy-Ross government if they believed that the criminals would be punished, and that the machine would be throttled by the hands that created it. But recent events show the unlikelihood of such an event.

THE WIFE BEHIND THE WASHBOARD.

Omaha World-Herald.

We have heard in song and story of The Man Behind the Gun, Of the Man Behind the Shovel, and The Man Behind the Pick, And we're growing very weary hearing of what he has done, Which is why we take occasion to present a healthy kick. Now, The Man Behind is worthy of a rightful meed of praise For his work behind the shovel, and the gun and pick and hoe, But there's still another worthy of the poet's tangful lays— The Wife Behind the Washboard who deserves to have a show.

She is toiling late and early o'er the steaming, soapy suds, Rubbing, wringing, twisting, turning in the murky atmosphere; Making clean a vast collection of bed-dragged, dirty duds, While her future lies before her destitute of hope and cheer.

Husband's time engaged in saving from a drear and awful fate This beloved young republic as he blows away the foam In the grogshop on the corner, till the hour is growing late, While The Wife Behind the Washboard earns the grub for those at home.

She keeps bacon on the table and a small supply of "spuds." And her labors keep the children from appearing clothed in rags; And her constant weary toiling in the hot and steaming suds, Never seems to weary her husband, who is full of bluffs and brags Of his leadership of party, and his knowledge of the ways Which alone can be availing our great ship of state to save; So 'tis time to lift our voices in a wild out-burst of praise For The Wife Behind the Washboard—she's the bravest of the brave.

C. B. C. ITEMS.

Mr. McLachlan has returned from Toronto, after attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Cayak. We extend to him our sincerest sympathy. Messrs. Clarke, Carroll, Walker, Jarvis and Edmondson made successful passes on their recent grade exams. The Lovell Grayby will now try the advanced work and we wish them success. Rev. Dr. Battisby gave a very interesting and instructive address on his trip to British Columbia, at the Literary Society on Friday. He carried in thought and imagination to the far, far west, to the mining and lumbering districts, and concluded his talk by advising the young men to go west and take a good Canadian wife with them.

H. Brackett has returned to completing his short-hand course. He is also checking work in the business department. Miss Howie, of Harrow, a former student of C. B. C., who has been visiting at Woodstock, called to see us on her way home.

We miss Miss Mooney from her accustomed place, and trust she will soon be able to return to us. During her last illness, he was faithfully attended by the kind sisters of St. Joseph, and nothing that could alleviate his sufferings was neglected. His spiritual fathers of St. Joseph's Church, and he died in peace, fortified by all the rites of the R. C. Church. The funeral took place from the home of Matthew Hutton, King St. east, cousin of the deceased, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends, to St. Joseph's Church, where the funeral obsequies were conducted by Rev. Father Herman, after which interment was made in St. Anthony's cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. David Flook, John Flook, Richard Dale, James Gregory, John Mount and Michael Ritchie. The immediate surviving relatives are his brothers, Mr. Owen and James Carley; his sisters, Mrs. L. Higgins, Mrs. P. Hogan, and Misses Edna and Bridget Carley with whom he resided on the homestead until a short time previous to his demise. To these we offer our heartfelt condolence.

THE LATE MICHAEL CARLEY. After a prolonged illness from cancer, Mr. Michael Carley, of con. 9, Raleigh, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham, at the age of 57 years. Deceased, who was born in St. Thomas, in the year 1842 and moved to Raleigh at the age of seven years, with his parents, was a man of many sterling qualities, a kind friend and loving brother, thus winning the esteem of all who knew him. Though suffering during his last illness intensely, he bore up bravely and resigned himself completely to God's holy will. During his last illness, he was faithfully attended by the kind sisters of St. Joseph, and nothing that could alleviate his sufferings was neglected. His spiritual fathers of St. Joseph's Church, and he died in peace, fortified by all the rites of the R. C. Church. The funeral took place from the home of Matthew Hutton, King St. east, cousin of the deceased, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends, to St. Joseph's Church, where the funeral obsequies were conducted by Rev. Father Herman, after which interment was made in St. Anthony's cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. David Flook, John Flook, Richard Dale, James Gregory, John Mount and Michael Ritchie. The immediate surviving relatives are his brothers, Mr. Owen and James Carley; his sisters, Mrs. L. Higgins, Mrs. P. Hogan, and Misses Edna and Bridget Carley with whom he resided on the homestead until a short time previous to his demise. To these we offer our heartfelt condolence.

Miss Debra Langstroth, of the business department, left Saturday morning for Detroit. We miss her from our midst but hope she will be successful in Detroit as she was here. The actual business class is making things hum as business is considerably large.

Mr. Pardo, who is supposed to have charge of the wholesale office, is on the absent list. Mr. McCrook is assistant in the wholesale office, Miss Langstroth taking the senior work.

Mr. Smyth has charge of the bank. Miss McEachern is looking after the agency. Messrs. Rennie, J. S. Campbell, Fisher, Everitt and Miss Rayner were admitted to the actual business class. J. F. Allan has finished his actual business course and has taken his departure.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. McCrook is about to leave us, but hope that he will be attended by success. N. A. Malott has finished his course here and has started out to Dr. Mose and Cr. Cash.

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