

The Planet

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

United Canada, a Roman Catholic Journal, published at Ottawa, says: That mighty aggregation of statesmen, known as the cabinet at Toronto, are doing some hard thinking just now. They would like to dissolve and go to the country after Quebec and Prince Edward Island, but as Sir Oliver used to say, they are "seriously considering" the question. No government ever existed under more humiliating conditions than that at Toronto. Premier Ross knows just as well as the editor of United Canada does, of the correspondence and negotiations which have transpired between Speaker Egan and Mr. Carleton, M. L. A. of Hamilton, regarding a conspiracy to overthrow the government. The mutiny was delayed because Mr. Egan was not certain whether he would land in a new ministry or in prison. This is the man before whom Ross and his cabinet of curiosities have been offering their income, genuflecting, and sending abroad as the first commoner in the greatest state, in the mightiest empire on earth. They are afraid of the country and perhaps they have some reason.

TAXATION OF BACHELORS.

The proposal to encourage matrimony by imposing a tax on bachelors is once more revived in France. There are two ways of taxing bachelors; one by means of a revenue tariff to be imposed purely for revenue purposes in recognition of the fact that bachelors do not bear their fair share of the burden of taxation; the other what might be called a protective tariff, for the encouragement of marriage. To be effective the latter would have to be tolerably steep and would have to be graduated according to the circumstances of the bachelor. The richer the man, the more desirable from a public point of view that he should enter into the holy estate. Yet a tax that would put bachelors on a par with the list of prohibited luxuries to a poor man, would have no influence whatever of stimulating his matrimonial inclinations of a millionaire. The difficulties in the way of a fair assessment are very great. Then the question arises, would the tax be regarded in the light of a fine or penalty, such as is imposed or is not imposed for not clearing your sidewalk; or would it be regarded as a license fee like the dog tax? In the former case how many times could a man be fined for the same offense? And would it be a valid defense that the prisoner had made bona fide efforts to get married but could not find anybody to marry him? Some men are bachelors from choice and some from necessity. In case the tax were regarded as a license fee like the dog tax, would the licensed bachelor have to wear a "Can't Touch Puppy" medal like the other licensees? Frankly we do not believe the tax will stimulate the marriage market to any extent. If the fascinations of the daughters of Eve will not attract men to the altar we do not believe any Act of Parliament can drive them to it. The fact that spinsters are not included in the proposed scheme of taxation is evidently due to the unwarranted and in some cases unwarranted assumption that single blessedness is not their deliberate choice.

For a revenue tax on bachelors there is much to be said. The bachelor enjoys all the privileges of citizenship, pays less for them than the married man and can better afford to pay. Then the collection of the tax, though it might not impel him to marry, would certainly stimulate his interest in public affairs. But the proposal involves a serious interference with the liberty of the subject.

NO ADDITIONAL SENATORS.

The Toronto Sunday World announces, on the authority of "a gentleman from Quebec," that "the government intend to take advantage of the clause in the B. N. A. Act which allows them to appoint six additional Senators." The authority to add three or six new members to the normal membership of the senate does not rest with the Dominion Government, but with Her Majesty, and the Imperial government has already laid down the principle that the power is one which cannot properly be exercised merely for the purpose of changing preponderance of political parties in the senate. In 1893 Mr. Mackenzie had an order-in-council passed asking the Queen to add six members to the senate. In reply, Lord Kimberley, then colonial secretary, stated that he was satisfied that the power rested in Her Majesty of appointing additional senators "was intended to be exercised in order to provide a means of bringing the senate into accord with the house of commons in the event of an actual collision between the two houses." He added that "Her Majesty could not be advised to take the responsibility of interfering with the constitution of the senate only upon an occasion when it had been made apparent that a difference had arisen between the two houses of so serious and permanent a character that the government could

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not be carried on without her intervention, and when it could be shown that the limited creation of senators allowed by the act, would apply an adequate remedy." In 1877 this correspondence was laid before the senate and resolutions were passed expressing high appreciation of the conduct of Her Majesty's government, and declaring that the appointment of additional senators, when not absolutely necessary for the purpose of bringing the senate into accord with the house of commons in the event of an actual collision of a serious and permanent character would be an infringement of the constitutional independence of the senate and lead to a depreciation of its utility as a constituent part of the legislation." Her Majesty's power, therefore, of directing the appointment of additional senators in exceptional cases of a grave constitutional emergency is clearly one that cannot be exercised under existing circumstances. There is no deadlock between the two houses, and if there were there is no reason for believing that the appointment of six more senators would remove it.

The municipal race seems to be quieting down somewhat.

General Mercer now says that his remarks about the invasion of Great Britain were only theoretical. Who could have sent him word that the new Kent regiment had got down to active drill?

The Chatham Planet asks: "Shall we live to be a hundred years old?" Of course, it all depends upon the kind of life you are leading.—Toronto Mail.

If that be the case, funeral wreaths for the Mail man's obsequies may no doubt be placed on the order book as soon as possible.

The Banner-News seems to think the engineer ought to be a sort of meteorological department so as to forecast the velocity of the wind and take measures to head off a dust storm which unexpectedly crops up in December.

When Mr. Paquet talks of firing Major-General Haley for refusing to lend him a military band to take part in a political demonstration he proposes something that this country is hardly likely to tolerate. At the same time it is slightly puzzling to the average citizen why a military band, in its private capacity as a hired musical organization, should not play at a political gathering.

A WASTE OF ADVERTISING MATERIAL.

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Sugar is the human system. Sugar is a substance that dissolves easily and in considerable quantity in water. When in solution it easily passes through animal's membrane by osmosis, and so the question of its absorption seemed simple enough. The disease diabetes showed, however, that sugar might exist very plentifully in the blood and yet the nutrition of an individual suffer very much for the lack of it. Something else besides its mere presence in the system was necessary to secure its consumption by the tissues.

Bernard thought that the liver was active in the consumption of sugar and that disease of this organ caused diabetes. He therefore secured some of the blood going to the liver of a living animal and some of the blood that was just leaving it. To his surprise, the blood leaving the liver contained more sugar than that entering it.

After assuring himself that his observations were correct, he tried his experiments in different ways. He found that even in the blood leaving the liver of an animal that had been fed only on substances containing no sugar, sugar could be demonstrated. Even in a fasting animal the liver itself and the blood leaving it showed the presence of a form of sugar.

The only possible conclusion from this was that the liver was capable of manufacturing this form of sugar out of non-sugar containing material, or even from the blood of a fasting animal.

Converting the Chinaman.

When I first met him the Greek archimandrite had been 40 years in Peking, and had never been anywhere else except for two caravan journeys to Russia. He was an elderly gentleman, with a smile like Benjamin Franklin's, and was famed as the Chinese capital for keeping the best wines and the best tobacco.

He wore the Chinese pigtail and clothes to match, and people said he could give Chinese mandarins points on etiquette. He gave me, at least, many happy hours, for he talked with a frankness and facility rarely united in a Russian, least of all an archimandrite.

One day, for instance, I asked him bluntly how many converts he had made. He answered that he thought he had made one, but he did not wish to be taken as stating this positively. When I returned to China after an interval of 21 years, all my inquiries led me to respect the honesty of this Russian. He said, furthermore:

"I have been here 40 years, and perhaps I have converted one Chinaman. When missionaries tell you that they have done more than that, do not believe them."—Poulton Bigelow in North American Review.

A Circus Horse in Battle.

Colonel Charles Marshall, who was led-decamp to General Robert E. Lee and who fought through the battles of the war with his chief, told the following amusing story of his experience with a new horse: His old horse had been shot from under him in the fight of the previous day, and he had taken possession of an animal that seemed to suit the work. In the battle a few hours later he was riding across a field in which there were numerous stumps. Suddenly the performance opened. The guns roared and the air was filled with smoke and noise. Before Colonel Marshall knew what was happening the horse had his four feet on one of the stumps and was galloping in a circle. In the mean time the firing was increasing, and the situation was anything but comfortable, but the horse kept on as if he were enjoying it. "It was not until afterward," said Colonel Marshall, "that I found the horse had belonged to a circus and had been trained to do this act amid the firing of cannon."

The Track Foreman.

The track foreman usually accounts for a greater proportion of the railroad's expenditures than any other employee, because the greatest cost of railroad is in the roadbed, and its equipment and the expense of maintaining it. The track foreman is in fact an important employee, but about the only time a passenger ever sees his sunburned face is while he is being whisked by between stations at 60 miles an hour.

The Neatest Town in the World. Brook, in Holland, is far famed as the "neatest town in the world." This town is so fastidious that until a few years ago horses were not allowed in its streets for reasons of cleanliness, and the entire town was as scrupulously kept as a man-of-war. It is a village of 2,700 inhabitants, the main industry of which is the making of Edam cheese.

Pat's Services.

Clergyman—Pat, there's a hole in the roof of the church, and I am trying to collect money sufficient to repair it. Come, now, what will you contribute?

Pat—Me services, sor.

Clergyman—What do you mean, Pat?

You are no carpenter.

Pat—No, but if it rains next Sunday, O'll sit over the hole.

A True Picture.

Critic—I must congratulate you on the villain of your play. He leaves the impression of having been drawn from the life.

Author—He was. I may say to you that he is an exact portrait of myself as my wife depicts me.—Brooklyn Life.

What She Does.

First Lady Clerk—There goes the meanest woman in town.

Second Lady Clerk—Who is she?

First Lady Clerk—I don't know, but she is always coming in here and wanting something we haven't got.—Chicago Record.

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