

The Planet.

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LAW REFORM.

The suggestions of Matthew Wilson, K. C., on law reform must seem to everybody along the right lines. All will agree with him, for instance, when he says the courts should be reformed not in the interests of the legal profession but in the interests of the public.

We are afraid in this past the interests of the public have been somewhat of a side issue to those of the law. The main arrangement of court procedure seems to be to provide twists and turns by which unfortunate litigants may be squeezed at will.

Mr. Wilson's proposal to have only one appeal, except in very important cases, is a most commendable one. It is absurd to spend a day or two trying a case here with the probability that it will dangle around Toronto and then, perchance, go on to Ottawa, and even to London, England. What we want are courts that will rectify grievances quickly, cheaply and finally, so that a litigant once in the toils of the law will not be kept worrying and wasting his time over some simple suit for a large section of his natural life.

It has been urged that if you cheapen law it will increase litigation. That is a poor argument. Though a man may have a grievance this is to say that the costs should be kept sufficiently high to prevent him seeking to have it rectified. This is altogether wrong. Everyone who has, or believes he has, a wrong to the courts should have access to the courts. The costs should be lowered and the proceedings simplified no matter how much it increased litigation, because a man's right to seek justice should not be regulated by the size of his pocket-book. Our courts should not be for the rich alone but for everybody who wishes to resort to them.

HOW JUDGES BUNCO LITIGANTS ON LAW COSTS.

Mr. Wilson, in his able paper on law reform, touches on the question of costs and the manner in which they are awarded. There is a grievance here which anyone who has ever had lawsuits will understand. With the class of judges we have the awarding of costs should not be optional. If a man goes into court and wins his case he should get his costs. The judge should have nothing to say in the matter.

To illustrate how the winning party may sometimes be bunched in the matter of costs, the Planet recalls a case it was interested in in another country some years ago. The suit turned on an agreement. This agreement could not be disputed, but the judge said it was a most foolish one for the plaintiff to make, and while he would dismiss the case, he would order that each party pay their own costs. Think of a judge in his sober senses giving such a decision. He finds in favor of one of the parties and then makes that party pay his own costs. In another case with which The Planet is familiar, a high court judge of some standing was willing to bargain on the awarding of some costs. He declared himself willing to allow the defendant certain costs if he would field on some sentimental technicality. Now, if the plaintiff in the case was entitled to those costs, why should this judge have been willing to take them away from him and give them to the other party. If on the other hand they properly belonged to the defendant, why should they have been offered to him with a string attached?

This whole question of the awarding of costs is one that will stand going into so that some check may be established over the incompetent judges who seem in a number of cases to have crept into the judiciary of this province.

A BILLION DOLLAR STEEL TRUST.

The great steel companies of the United States are forming—in fact actually have formed—the greatest trust in the world. It will even overshadow the Standard Oil octopus. It involves the consolidation of \$760,000,000 of capital, made up as follows:

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Federal Steel Company	200,000,000
National Tube Company	80,000,000
American Bridge Company	70,000,000
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The new combine will control absolutely the iron and steel industry of the United States, including the mining of ore, its transportation, its reduction at the furnaces and mills, and its conversion into a great many finished products, such as steel rails, structural iron, pipes, etc. It is said the combination will be in a position to supply the railroads of the country with everything they require in the shape of iron and steel, and, furthermore, there will be no rival concern that will be able to compete with them. The combine will control the iron output of the United States more absolutely than the Standard Oil Company controls the output and distribution of oil. This great aggregation of capital will no doubt place the United States in a most advantageous

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position for the control of the steel trade of the world, but the existence of such a colossal trust cannot but be viewed with apprehension by the people of the United States. Those who have seen the influence which merely million-dollar combinations have been able to exert will speculate on the weight which a billion-dollar monster will be able to carry whenever its interests are at stake in legislative or judicial circles.

A TIMELY WARNING TO THE NEW KING.

The Corner Herald loses no time in warning King Edward that he must not "monkey" with the privileges of the people. The editor of that journal doesn't propose that when the King picks up his Herald at breakfast he shall have any more right to ask "who put that piece in the paper" than the meanest of its subscribers, and according to the way it stirs them up occasionally about back subscriptions some of them must be pretty mean. But let that go. Here is the way the Herald goes at the King, and we trust His Majesty will take its advice, or otherwise we may have a twentieth century William Lyon Mackenzie rising up in our midst to vindicate the liberties of the people:

People Must Rule.

Sovereignty under Queen Victoria implied the democracy and the progress of liberty.

Just as soon as the sovereignty of King Edward, or any future monarch of the British Empire, implies either hostility to the ideal of government by the people or bucking to reaction, the monarchy must lose the public favor which is the breath of its nostrils.

British connection in Canada is now broad-based upon the esteem of all the people. The monarchy is a popular institution and it will be an evil day for Imperialism if that cause becomes the badge of mere social ambition.

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Owing to the increased use of typewriters a New York stationer predicts that several pen manufacturers in the United States will have to go out of business.

"Never stand still in cold weather, especially after having taken a slight degree of exercise, and always avoid standing on ice or snow, or where the person is exposed to a cold wind," says a physician. But he neglects to tell you what to do with the fellow who keeps you standing while he talks where the wintry blasts are coldest.

Fernand McGregor, a fourteen-year-old Detroit boy, accidentally killed himself while handling a revolver. The papers every day contain reports of grown men accidentally shooting themselves. Now, if grown men are not, in many cases, capable of handling dangerous weapons, why will parents persist in permitting boys to have them?

A Colorado editor, who said he had to write his own prescription for grip because none of the doctors in the town advertised with him, gives out the following which, he says, cured him:

Four quarts of whiskey, into which were dissolved four ounces of loaf sugar. To this we added a teaspoonful of water and another quart of whiskey and then placed over a hot fire and let boil sufficiently long to boil out all the water. We then stirred in a little more whiskey to cool, and gulped it down without batting an eye. In order to remove the taste from our mouth we took a little more whiskey.

The United States, says the New York Post, was the only one of the armies operating in China which did not make some provision for the supply of water for the troops. As a result of this neglect more than one-third of the force from the United States was constantly searching for water, which was always taken with the precaution of aerating or filtering, such as was enforced by the Japanese troops. It is perhaps not an unrelated fact that three days after the allies entered Peking, one-third, or 800 men, of Gen. Chaffee's army was on the sick list, while of the Japanese, who had done much harder work, only five per cent. were incapacitated for active duty.

The present standing of the House appears to be:

	Libs.	Con.	Ind.
Ontario	36	56	..
Quebec	48	7	..
New Brunswick	9	5	..
Nova Scotia	1	5	..
Prince Edward Island	3	2	..
Manitoba	2	3	2
N.W. Territories	4	0	..
British Columbia	3	2	1
Total	130	80	3

In getting these figures Mr. McNeill of North Bruce, Mr. Thornton of West Durham, and Mr. Thornton of West Elgin, are counted among the Conservatives. (Among the Liberals are included Mr. McEwan of South Huron and Mr. McCarthy of North Simcoe. Mr. Puttee, Mr. Richardson, and Ralph Smith, of B. C., are classed as Independents.)

"BECAUSE IT DIDN'T PAY."

Printers' Ink.
He had travelled through Sahara, braved the dangers of the Nile, Defeated enraged Mussulmen and dined on crocodile;

Knew everything of politics, religion and the law,
Could box and fence and scull a race and please his mother-in-law—
In short, had all the accomplishments of men both great and wise,
But he couldn't run a business, for he wouldn't advertise.

A WIDESPREAD DELUSION.

Exchange.
Young man, don't swear. There is no occasion for it outside of a printing office, where it is useful when the paper is behind time. It also comes in handy in proofreading and is indispensable when the ink works bad and the press begins to buck. It is sometimes brought into use when the foreman is mad, and it has been known to entirely remove that tired feeling of the editor when the paper after it is printed. Outside of a printing office it is a very foolish habit.

FINED FOR SEEKING JUSTICE.

Woodstock Express.

The case of Atkinson vs. the City of Chatham, where the plaintiff sued the city for damages sustained by his daughter and got judgment in his favor, both in the first court and the Court of Appeal, to which the city carried the case, but which judgment was later reversed by the Supreme Court, leaving the plaintiff a poor man, straddled with nearly \$3,000 of costs, is not one which should count against any prudent mind to think highly of our Canadian courts and of the "justice" which they dispense. To repeat the words of a prominent journalist, "Surely there is something wrong in a system which virtually fines a man \$3,000 for appealing to the courts of the land for justice." Did we hear anyone crowding over each other in their haste to remove such "justice"? Or is their love for "justice" too strong to be found tampering with its "privileges"? Is it true that it is law and lawyers, instead of justice, that control our courts—that our courts are established to provide food for lawyers, instead of justice to the people?

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Bleached Table Linen, fine satin Damask 60 in. wide, pure quality, desirable patterns, 70 to 65 yd., special 50c	16 in. Check Glass Toweling, fine quality, at per yd. 5c	TOWELS—Heavy Linen Huck Towels, fine firm weave, 40x18 in. fringed or hemmed, with colored ends, special each 15c
72 in. Satin finish Double Damask, pure grass bleached, latest designs, extra value at per yd. 75c	18 in. Glass Toweling, in red and blue checks, at per yd. 8c	Fringed Huck Towels, 35x17 in., with fancy ends, special each 10c
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New York, Feb. 11.—Charles Yost was stabbed over the heart Saturday night by Fred Hoffman, a grocery man, in Hoffman's store. Yost managed to get to his home, where he died in his wife's arms. Hoffman was arrested.

According to the story told by the police, Mrs. Hamill, Mrs. Yost's sister-in-law, went to Hoffman's store, to make a purchase. Mrs. Hoffman, the wife of the grocer, was behind the counter and deflected from the money tendered in payment, 35 cents which she claimed was owed by Mrs. Yost. Mrs. Hamill objected to paying her sister-in-law's alleged bill. She went to the store and demanded the money. Yost soon arrived on the scene. The grocer made an effort to get Hamill and Yost to leave the place, but they refused. In a struggle Yost was stabbed just over the heart.

AWFUL DEED OF A

MICHIGAN GIRL.

In a Fit of Jealous Rage She Destroys George C. Laird's Eyesight With Carbolic acid.

Leonidas, Mich. Feb. 11.—White in a fit of jealous rage Miss Denell Geddo threw carbolic acid in the face of George C. Laird, completely destroying the sight of both of his eyes. Miss Geddo and Ida Shaffer, accompanied by Elgin Scott, went to this hotel about 11 o'clock. They are alleged to have remarked: "We are out to hurt somebody; we have got our pops." Miss Geddo left her companions and went to Laird's room, and after talking a few minutes threw the acid in his face and drove away. It is said she intended to disfigure Miss Myrtle West, also but could not find her. Laird's face is terribly burned by the acid. He has sent for his brother, who lives in Vicksburg. There have been no arrests so far.

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Arlington, N. J., Feb. 9.—John Keller, vicar of Holy Trinity mission and acting bishop of the diocese of Newark, will live. Within ten days he will be able to face his accusers. His right eye is made sightless by the shot of Thomas Barker, who fired to avenge what he believed to be the wrongs of his wife.

The state is trying to prove that the attack is not justifiable and is following the theory that Mrs. Barker suffers from hysteria and is not responsible for the things she says.

Mrs. Geo. Wilson says: "Mrs. Barker told me in August, 1899, that she wanted revenge on the minister. She was not particular how she brought it about. She said: 'It is not on account of anything the rector did to me, but for what he did to my husband; that I want vengeance. He insulted him. He did not stand by in the trouble at the Sunday school, but that was nothing to the way he treated my husband, and after all Tom has done for him.'"

"I asked her what the domestic had done to her husband, but she never would tell me. She simply said she wanted vengeance, and would get it. "She was hysterical at the times she talked to me, and I do not believe she is responsible for what she said. I do not think she is responsible for what she told her husband."

One who has seen Keller says he will be less badly scarred than was at first thought. Skilful surgery will replace the lost eye with a glass one, a new bridge to his nose will be made, and the scars in his face will be slight.

The more Mrs. Barker is discussed by friends who try to describe her the more mysterious a personage she becomes. She seems not to have had many friends, even before the unfortunate events of the last few days, and since then she has excluded everyone.

The town is torn between those who believe in the wounded preacher and those who believe in the woman who shot him. Mrs. Barker's accusations, and others who feel that no man would act as Barker did without knowing what he was about.

LIBEL CASES IN OLD LONDON.

Priest vs. ex-Priest—Rev. Dr. Paton a witness.

London, Feb. 11.—The King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice to-day found in favor of Victor Michael Ruthven, described as an ex-priest, in a libel suit brought against Emile de Bon, a Catholic priest, for circulating a leaflet, averring that Ruthven's lectures were indecent. Forty shillings damages were awarded. The court found in favor of de Bon respecting the publication of Ruthven's record, copied from the Cleveland University of March 18, 1895. Rev. J. G. Paton, a Presbyterian missionary of the New Hebrides, testified that Ruthven's real name was Riedman, and that he had given evidence against him in America, where he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for swindling, in 1895, a man well known in America. The court also rendered a verdict in favor of the Rev. Bernard Spink, who was sued for libel by the Rev. Tuberville Cory Thomas, of Chicago, formerly a pastor of Lopham, Michigan, on the ground of having imputed immoral conduct.

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