

The Planet

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

PREVALENCE OF BLASPHEMY.

Rev. Mr. Hill, of Woodgreen, Toronto, during his sermon Sunday night, denounced the prevalent vice of blasphemy. He looked with alarm upon its rapid increase, and contended that it savored of low breeding and demonstrated an impure heart. It is too bad more clergymen, both in Canada and the United States do not use their influence to bring this disgusting and offensive habit into disrepute. As it is now, boys who hear men blaspheme, think it is smart and clever on their part to do the same and fully nine-tenths of them are growing up with all the foul expressions of the gutter pat on the ends of their tongues. We are assured that in Great Britain and on the continent foul language is almost unknown, why then should it be the rule in America?

REV. MR. SHELDON'S EXPERIMENT.

We must dissent with those who argue that Rev. Mr. Sheldon made a success of his experiment of editing the Topeka Capital as he imagines Jesus would edit it. As we take it a newspaper's real function, as an old time New York editor put it, is to chronicle whatever God Almighty in His wisdom allows to happen. Mr. Sheldon proceeded along the lines of suppressing and curtailing certain classes of news and filling up the space with reviews and treatises on religious, moral and socialistic subjects. Thus it ceased to be a newspaper in the true sense of the word, and might more correctly be designated a daily magazine. No one could find fault with the matter Mr. Sheldon published. Much of it was readable, but it was out of place. It would kill off any ordinary paper in a very short time, because, with public taste as it is, a little of this kind of reading goes a long way. Some people might appreciate it as their daily bit of fare, but the field is too limited to make it profitable or profitable to substitute a semi-religious magazine for a daily paper. They are totally different classes of literature, a fact that Mr. Sheldon does not seem to realize.

WHAT MR. FIELDING TAKES CREDIT FOR.

This great family journal is mystified over this surplus of seven millions which Mr. Fielding says the country will be able to show for the year ending with this month.

This surplus is due either to the general and world-wide revival of trade or else to the statesmanship of the present government. If it is due to the former, then what is the use of cackling about it like a pullet over her first egg. Any other set of duflers could have had the same surplus thrust upon them.

If, on the other hand, it is due to Liberal statesmanship, then the same statesmanship which produces it this year, can repeat the performance every other year.

That being the case, and Sir Wilfrid, Sir Richard and Mr. Fielding having assured us that this is a purely tariff for revenue government, why have they not reduced the tariff by that seven millions?

Here we have an example of a tariff for revenue ministry exacting \$7,000,000 a year more in tariff duties than they require.

Just think of it, these former apostles of free trade are protecting things not only up to the hilt, but seven millions beyond.

That, of course, is on their own showing. They say they should get credit for the surplus. That means that by overtaxation, taxation on sugar, coal oil, and the other domestic necessities, they have extracted seven million dollars more from the people than were required for the purposes of government.

If this is tariff for revenue, for goodness sake give us back protection.

A PRECIOUS REPORT.

We are at a loss to know why the Department of Education at Toronto gets out a "blue book" that appears to be absolutely useless for purposes of information, at least as far as certain portions of it are concerned. This book comprises over 200 pages, much of it tabular work, and must cost a large sum to issue. Yet while pages appear never to have been changed from the previous year. Take the Model school returns, for instance. Those from Chatham have not been altered. They contain the same figures for 1899 they did for 1898. They give an attendance of 43 at the Model school here for both years. As a matter of fact in 1899 the attendance was only 24. Out of some sixty Model schools in the province exactly the same number of scholars seem to have attended each one in 1899 as in 1898 except at two places, where there are slight changes in the figures. Further changes are made in the returns from Toronto, Vankele Hill and Welland by interchanging the attendance

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Again, some of the High school reports are so up to date that they conflict with the Model school reports, which are not. This precious volume tells us, for instance, that Mr. Elliott is the principal of the Model school at Hamilton, while in another page it assures us he is vice-principal of the Normal school at Toronto. R. K. Rowe is given as the principal of the Model school in Kingston for 1899, whereas 1898 was his last year. A man who is dead is returned for teaching the St. Thomas Model school, while others who have long since left are given for Meaford, Mitchell and other places.

We just mention these instances to show the worthlessness of the book. Government printing costs an enormous sum. Many people think altogether too much. There can be little doubt about it if this is the kind of work the money is wasted upon.

The Montreal Star proposes that the Ross government use a sheet iron ball and a steel hammer and punch for marking it.

The affidavits which Mr. Whitney read in the legislature on Thursday, in which a man now in Detroit and beyond the reach of the law states that he went into the West Egan election and "slipped" some twenty votes in favor of the Liberal candidate, furnish another reason for the most searching investigation into that election by the commission which the Ross government has appointed for the purpose.

The Ross government appointed a commission for no such purpose. The powers of the commission were strictly limited, and when the Conservatives in the legislature tried to get a full investigation, the government and its supporters voted the proposal down. The Star ought to wake up sufficiently to know what is going on.

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The above is from the Ridgeway Standard, but as we have seen it elsewhere: The Standard probably stole it from somebody else without credit. We simply use it as a sample of the dishonorable and dishonest journalism which was killed off some years ago, but which now appears to be reviving. The dishonest act consists in changing the meaning of a sentence or paragraph by cutting it in two. In the above, the periods show where part of what the Telegram said has been omitted. What was really stated was that there was no profit in hammering at Sir Wilfrid where he was strong, when it was much easier to hit him in the places where his many faults and weaknesses left him open to attack. By omitting the latter part the Liberal papers change the meaning of the article, and then appropriate it to their own use.

THE LONDON LIFE.

Elsewhere will be found a full report of the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the London Life Insurance Company. The statements made at that meeting must have proved very gratifying to both shareholders and policy holders as well as to officers and directors. From its inception the growth of the London Life appears to have been uniformly steady. As a result, to-day it has a substantial balance of assets to print to as a splendid guarantee of stability, and this alone must make the policy holders feel satisfied that they have made no mistake in their choice of companies with which to do business. The fact that several residents of this London Life will no doubt lead to the perusal of the annual report in this is us by every reader.

Mr. J. W. Humphrey is the general agent and local representative of this thriving company, while Mr. J. F. Maine, assistant superintendent, looks after the industrial branch. The offices of the company in Chatham are located in Northwood's block, King Street.

ROAST THE BOERS

Two Americans From Michigan Have Had Experience.

They Tell Their Fellow Countrymen Just What Kind of a Government the Transvaal has.

New York, March 27. — Leonard Leigh and his son, of Lake Linden, Mich., arrived on the steamship New York on Saturday from the Rand mine district of South Africa, where both were employed by the French Rand Gold Mining Co. for three years. Both are intensely pro-British in sentiment. Leigh says the Boer republic is a republic in name only and is really a monarchy with Kruger as the emperor autocrat. The outrages to which all foreigners are subjected by the Boers, he alleges, are incredible to persons who have never lived in the Transvaal. Every Boer official, he declares, makes a practice of levying blackmail on outlanders, and the Transvaal will not be a fit place for a white man to live in as long as the Boers are in power. Lives and property of foreigners are constantly menaced. The Boers are not brave, but fight like rats, get into holes behind trees to shoot British officers, but never charge or fight in the open. The Leighs will return to Africa after the war is over.

Dr. Barker, of Fenwick, was killed at a T. H. & B. crossing near Vine-mont.

James Cragen, an engineer, believed to belong to Toronto, was found dying by the G. T. R. track near Dundas.

Peter Gibson fell from a load of hay at Holmfild and was drowned, while crossing a bridge over the Pembina River.

It is reported that the Duke of York meditates paying complimentary visits after the war to all the great colonies.

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MR. SHELDON'S EXPERIMENT.

A London Divine Criticizes the Experiment Made With the Topeka Daily Capital.

London, March 24. — The Rev. Mr. Sheldon's experiment in editing a Christian daily newspaper was watched with considerable amused interest in England. The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, is moved to criticism, and says:—

"After all, it is an excruciating kind of lunacy. The first mistake is in thinking anything provable in a six-day experiment. For a week you can do almost anything with success, provided it is foolish enough. I could fill St. Paul's Cathedral to overflowing by promising to swallow the eighth Bible."

A newspaper, mischievously calls this a neat illustration of Dr. Parker's own method of attracting large congregations. Dr. Parker adds that Mr. Sheldon's experiment ignored and misrepresented the spirit of the Bible itself. The Bible is a frank and free record of murder, lust, drunkenness, lying, hypocrisy and prodigality. Such things should be reported, and the antidote energetically administered.

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S. STEWART, M.D., Sec'y Building Committee. Thamesville, March 16th, 1900. c&wtd

Notice to Contractors.

Bulk and separate tenders will be received up to 7 o'clock p.m., Friday, April 6th, by the undersigned architects, at whose office plans may be obtained, addressed to James Forsyth, Esq., Chatham township for alterations and additions to residence near Eberts station. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Jas. Forsyth, Esq., Architects, Proprietors, 14 Chatham, Ont.

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