

## ..The Planet..

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## HANSARD.

At a recent Liberal caucus at Ottawa one of the subjects of discussion was a proposal to abolish Hansard. We do not know how the majority of those present looked upon the proposition; but we are with the man who made it; Hansard is a most expensive concern. It necessitates the employment of a high-salaried staff of shorthanders and translators, and the whole business is printed in both languages. And, great as that expense is, it is but a small proportion of the sum lost through the publication of Hansard, for the printing of speeches is responsible for the loss of a great deal of time taken up in making speeches there was no Hansard. Again, Hansard is not a true record of the speeches made. Every member has a right to revise his speech, and this privilege is so much abused that there is frequently all the difference in the world between the words uttered by the members and the words printed in the book. Hansard and Black Rod are in the same category of useless things for which the people of Canada are obliged to pay.

## WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF THEIRS.

A point showing how far the license commissioners of the Ontario Government exercise a fraternal sway in the discharge of their functions has arisen at Toronto Junction, says the London Free Press. Here is the case, as stated in the Globe:

The first case disposed of was that of the hotel at Fairbank, in York township. When Frank McFarlane, the former proprietor of the property, died a few years ago, he left a will bequeathing everything to his children. The widow has continued the business since and the license is in her name, and liabilities to the whole-sale trade aggregating several thousand dollars have been incurred by her. Now that Mr. O'Leary, of Toronto, is buying the property from the McFarlane estate, the creditors object to the license being transferred from Mrs. McFarlane to O'Leary until their claims are satisfied.

The matter was argued by lawyers, and held over. Now, as to the commercial merits of the case, of course the Free Press knows nothing, and they do not affect the validity of the point raised. The point is, why should the commissioners take cognizance of all or anything beyond the granting or the transference of the license, and where do they get authority for such arbitrary assumption of power? Who gives them authority to act as commercial czars.

## "ONLY A LITTLE ONE."

The Quebec Chronicle, whose patriotism has probably been seared by frequent sight of a monument which glorifies the conquered French general equally with the conquering British hero, thus makes reply to a letter by Mrs. Fessenden, of Hamilton, on the subject of the proposed Montgomery memorial at Quebec:

We publish elsewhere a letter from Mrs. Fessenden, secretary of the Wentworth Historical society, on the subject of the Montgomery memorial tablet, which appears to be a greater object of interest in Ontario and Boston than it is here. With respect to it, and in order to allay a certain amount of irritation which seems to be felt outside, we may point out that the proposal assented to by the city council is very different to the original one which was advocated by Mrs. Garrison in 1894. At that time it was proposed to put up a monument to Gen. Richard Montgomery, if we remember rightly, on the heights overlooking the River St. Lawrence, a proposal which excited much adverse criticism of a nature similar to that which is now being urged, and, in our opinion, with great reason. But the present form of the request is a more modest one, and only extends to the placing of a handsome memorial tablet on the spot where the unfortunate soldier lost his life, instead of the unsightly blackboard which at present marks it. It is virtually equivalent to an offer to erect a fine modern building on the site occupied by a decaying ruin, and we fancy few, except devoted antiquarians, would object to that. The death of Montgomery was a historical event of much importance, as it would be difficult to say what further transference of Quebec might have taken place had he succeeded in the capture of its principal fortress, and on this ground we take it, it is only right and proper that the remembrance of it should be conserved. We trust Mrs. Fessenden, and the association of which she is the energetic secretary, will on further consideration see matters in this light, and no longer find matter of offense in what is, after all, a simple affair of courtesy in permitting others to do what in any event it would only be natural for Quebecers to do for themselves.

The Chronicle falls into the "only a little one" line of argument. The question is not the size, nor shape, nor the

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particular location of the monument; it is whether any monument should be erected to the memory of the late Montgomery.

By the way, what is Mr. Alf. Jury doing in England?—London Free Press.

Drawing his salary.

When a pigeon shoot comes off there is always much noise about cruelty to animals, and many good men are much annoyed at the heartless destruction of pigeons. But bird murder is going on in this city and neighborhood every day, Sundays included. Almost every boy has a gun of some sort, and if he hasn't he has a catapult and his game is the little bird. He murders every thing from a humming bird up to the robin, and groves near the city which used to be full of singing birds are now silent. We have laws for the prevention of bird murder, and similar things, but it seems to be nobody's business to put them in force.

Yet when the constituency of Kent was represented by a Tory when the Tories were in the height of their power, it took many years of pleading, coaxing and threatening to get even such a small job of dredging done so as to make the channel passable. The "bar" was a grievance of years then—Hamilton Times.

Now, that statement is absolutely untrue. When the late Rufus Stephenson represented this constituency it got everything it asked for and Mr. Stephenson was not slow at looking after the welfare of his constituents either. He got this city Tecumseh Park at an annual rental of one dollar, and, by-the-way, the dollar was never asked for or paid.

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## DAN'S RAW MATERIAL.

Toronto Telegram.

The Huron Signal clamors for the removal of the duties from ink, paper, presses, dredges, pile drivers, and all such printing material.

## ROSS CONDEMNED BY A FRIEND.

Kingston Whig.

The special schedule, for information of a political character, collected by the census enumerators, has been canceled by the government. Well done! The man who conceived of the thing is worthy of all condemnation.

## TEACHING ABSURDITIES.

London Free Press.

A gentleman who has spent a successful life in a calling that required constant figuring, both as to financial and commercial concerns of the business world, has called at the Free Press office to endorse the stand taken by this journal as to the utter absurdities of the methods employed in our schools to teach arithmetic.

These methods simply confuse the pupil and teach nothing. The gentleman left the following "problem," which was the other day given by the teacher to his ten-year-old son, to be solved at home:

"Express how many square inches there are in seven-fifteenths of an acre."

Now, could anything be more radically and utterly absurd? Did any one in Ontario or on top of earth, ever have occasion to know the answer to that problem, or who cares how many square inches there are in any fraction of an acre, or in an hundred-acre farm, or a quarter-section, or a timber limit? Of course, it can easily be figured by any one grounded in the simple elements of arithmetic if he ever wants to know. Then why not teach the simple elements thoroughly? They contain everything necessary to the solving of any problem. But to put such a question to a boy of ten is not teaching at all—it is torturing.

## HAS A VARIED CLIMATE.

Curious Meteorological Conditions of the Island of Saghalien.

Saghalien, off the eastern coast of Siberia, presents a very curious anomaly of climate. The island is bathed by two cold ocean currents, and in winter nothing protects it against the icy northwest winds coming from Siberia. At the sea level the snow falls continually and stays on the ground till the end of May, and the seashore is very cold. Farther inland, however, especially as we go higher up, the climate is modified—just the opposite to what is observed elsewhere. It has often been observed in Siberia and in central Europe that in winter the cold is greater in the plains and the valleys and that the highlands have a sensibly milder temperature; it is as if the denser cold air accumulated in the lowlands.

The cold air accumulates in the low regions of the island, and on the coast the higher regions have a more elevated temperature. So it happens that the lower parts have an arctic vegetation, while the intermediate altitudes have the vegetation of a temperate zone, sometimes subtropical. The birch, the pine, the fir, abound in the low regions and form often impenetrable forests, but toward the center of the island appear bamboo, hydrangeas, azaleas and other plants that one is greatly surprised to meet, and whose presence can be explained only by the altogether abnormal climatic conditions of the island.—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

## A Lincoln Story.

The Rev. Mr. Alcott of Elgin, Ill., one of Abraham Lincoln's Springfield acquaintances, tells of seeing him coming away from church unusually early one Sunday morning. "The sermon could not have been more than half way through," says Mr. Alcott. "His son, Tad," was slung across his left arm like a pair of saddlebags, and Lincoln was striding along with long and deliberate steps toward home, and, taking his figure of speech from practices with which they were only too familiar, said, "Gentlemen, I entered this coil, but he kicked around so I had to withdraw him."

## Different Breaths.

Down in southern Georgia two widows were condoling with each other over their troubles. In telling of the last sickness and death of their husbands, one said:

"My man, poor fellow, he suffered and suffered, and suffered, and then he died for the want of breath."

The other replied:

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