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EXPOSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BINDER TWINE POLICY.

In the house of commons last Tuesday, Mr. Taylor, of Leeds, the opposition whip, brought up the question of binder twine. This is a matter of practical interest to the farmers of Ontario and the west, and the common taxpayers generally. Mr. Taylor proposed the following resolution:

"That the system, adopted by the government in disposing of the output of the binder twine manufactured at Kingston penitentiary through their agency on the farmers of Canada and has forced them to pay from 100 to 200 per cent more than the cost of manufacture. That the proposal of the government to sell the binder twine manufactured this year up to the first of May, to farmers in small quantities, at 14 cents per lb. for manila, 11 for mixed and 10 for New Zealand, while the cost of production did not exceed 6 cents, is unjust to the farmers, and that the price should not exceed seven cents for the best quality."

This resolution of want of confidence was supported by Mr. Clancy, Mr. Roche and Mr. Davin, and opposed by the Solicitor-General and by Mr. Frost and Mr. Rogers. The Patron member expressed his disapproval of the government's course previous to this year, but voted with the ministers. Mr. Fitzpatrick is the representative of the department which is accused of wrong. Mr. Frost is a dealer, whom Mr. Davin describes as one of the criminals concerned.

One purpose of the establishment of the binder twine industry in the Dominion and Provincial prisons was the protection of the farmers from oppression at the hands of the combines. The two prisons produced some three million pounds of twine each year, which could be used to break down any combine to unduly increase prices. The record goes to show that the government at Ottawa as well as the one at Toronto, instead of taking the part of the farmers against the combines, joined the combine against the farmers. To begin with, the whole product of Kingston, found on hand at the change of government, was sold nominally to Coll Bros., of St. John, but really to Mr. Hobbs, of London, to whom the contract was transferred. In 1897, 1898 and 1899, the whole product was sold to the combine. It went year and year about to the Hobbs Hardware Company, and H. A. Bates & Co., the former a Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature, the latter a leading member of the party at Ottawa. There has never been any real competition for the purchase of the prison product. In the first and second years tenders were received from two firms, and the one who got the contract sold out to the other. In the third year, private circulars were sent out to persons not in the trade, after a private offer had been received from Mr. Bates. There was no call for tenders, and Bates got the contract at his own price. In 1899 Hobbs got the contract on a tender put in by his firm in the name of another person, after a lower tender had been submitted in his own name. Mr. Bates or Mr. Hobbs were also the purchasers of the Central Prison, and Hobbs has been the Canadian agent of the United States companies, whose goods are imported.

The result of this system of sale was such that the product of a million pounds or more each year has been sold by the government at very little over the cost of production and sometimes below it. The product of 1896 was sold to the combine at \$1.25 per hundred pounds, though it cost \$1.41 to buy the material and manufacture it. The product of 1897 cost the government \$1.18, and was sold to the combine at \$1.64. In 1898 the cost of production was \$1.47, and the combine bought it for \$1.60. In 1899 the cost was \$1.60 and it was sold for \$1.65. The government therefore made no money out of the twine works, while the factories at Brantford divided 60 per cent profit one year and 100 per cent profit the next.

Unfortunately the farmers got no benefit from the low price at which the penitentiary product was sold to the favorites. It was shown in Tuesday's debate that the twine sold to Coll Bros. for Hobbs in the autumn of 1896 at four and a quarter cents per pound, and in 1897 at four and two-thirds cents per pound, was bought by the farmers at ten to thirteen cents per pound, or more than double the price received by the government. The product sold in 1898 to Bates at less than four and a half cents per pound, cost the farmers when it reached them eleven to fourteen cents per pound, or nearly three times the price paid to the government by the combine. In 1899 the combine paid the government six and a half cents per pound, while the farmers were compelled to pay thirteen to fifteen cents per pound. It will be seen that the combine worked with great success in two ways. In buying from the government it forced down the price to the cost of production. In selling to the people it forced up the price so as to give 100 to 200 per cent profit, and thus compell the farmers to pay

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two prices for their twine. In the year 1890 the price obtained by the government from contractors is not known, for the government refuses to give it.

This year the government has taken a new departure, and for a limited time sold some twine to the farmers direct. But instead of making such prices as had been accepted from the combine, the government makes the price for small lots the same as the selling price of the combine, and double that which Bates and Hobbs were required to pay last year. Such is the state of affairs. The solicitor general did not contradict the statement that the purchasers of the product always worked with the combine. He admitted that the prison work brought in no profit. He could not deny that the farmers paid the prices stated. The cost of production is taken from the official figures and the statement of the minister of justice. The profits of the combine and the middle men can be ascertained by a simple calculation. The profits of the Brantford company, which got the benefit of combine prices is given in the annual statement. But the net gain in the house voted down Mr. Taylor's resolution.

Pretoria is ours!

Old Krug might as well call this war off.

Oom Paul is now ex-president of the late Transvaal Republic.

Instead of Lord Roberts of Kandahar it will soon be all probability be the Duke of Pretoria.

The fate of Kruger should be a terrible lesson to promise-breakers. Sir Wilfrid Laurier should take warning by it.

Our American friends will please notice that their war, which commenced a year before ours against an inferior enemy, is still in progress.

The humane officer is doing a work in which everyone should assist him. A man who treats animals cruelly would commit other crimes were it not for fear of the law. He is a blot on civilization, deserving of no sympathy, and his cowardly practices should be restrained wherever found.

The Montreal Witness, speaking of the Methodist departure from the itineracy of ministers says: It is not for us to say anything on the merits of this change as an act of internal economy, but it is of significant interest as a step towards the assimilation which cannot cease to go on between great religious bodies living together among similar peoples and with absolutely similar ends in view. The differences, whether of thought or of outward form, which keep the existing denominations apart must continue to diminish until they cease to be able to maintain the schism based on them. Then, and not till then, will it be desirable for the separate bodies to unite. But the consummation is nearer than seems.

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DO CATS SUCK BREATH?

A Reputable Man Gives His Personal Experience.

Will cats squat upon the breasts of sleeping babies and kill them by sucking their breath? Old colored women, nurses of the old school and some persons from the country will answer this question in the affirmative. Physicians and wise men will say it is a vain superstition, like that of Friday being unlucky. Yet the Philadelphia Record gives the experience of a chemist of Wiscassick, a Harvard man, whose word is above reproach: "I slept one night recently with my door open. It was usually closed. In the middle of the night I awoke. There, in the dim light, I saw our fat tabby cat sitting on my breast, and her moist, cool nose was against my lips. I drew back my head, and the cat, without moving, looked calmly in my eyes. 'Sept, you beast!' I said, and she leaped softly off the bed and vanished in the blackness of the hall. In the morning I thought this ghastly thing must have happened to me, and I verified it if possible I left my room door open the next night. Well, what I remember first is a kind of nightmare. I was in a closed room, and an enemy was pumping all the air from it. Then I seemed to awake. I opened my eyes. The cat's warm, soft body was pressed close upon my breast and neck, and this felt comfortable, like a muff. But the mouth of the cat was glued upon my mouth in a loathsome kiss. My life, my very life, if you can understand me, seemed to be flowing fast out of my lips. I felt so weak and through my weakness so calm and indifferent. I debated whether it was worth while to push the cat away. Finally with an effort—my arms were heavy as lead—I got rid of that disgusting incubus. It scratched me before it would go, and I have the scratch yet as witness of my story."

A Transformation.

"For heaven's sake, tell that new servant of yours to get a new dress before she comes here tomorrow! She is positively slovenly to come into the dining room."

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When the breakfast was brought in the following morning, what was his surprise to behold the negress, together with a magnificent evening dress, with sparkles in her hair and other adornments on her bare arms and neck.

"What's all this?" he cried. "Have you fired that other girl and got an Egyptian princess in her place?"

"No, boss," said the girl, speaking for herself. "I've de same nigger, but I jes' put on muh 'bout me clo'es, as you wuz so partic'lar 'bout muh personal 'pearance'."

Macaulay the Wit.
During the time when Lord Disraeli was starting sober Englishmen by his eccentricities of dress Lord Macaulay, that was to be, was electrified by his witty constituents by his witty sallies and repartee. Having been defeated in 1847, he ran again for parliament in 1852. For a change he was the popular candidate.

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