

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

WHY SOW UNPROFITABLE CROPS?

It is astonishing why farmers will stick to wheat growing when almost anything else will pay better. All our correspondents report the plowing up of fields of wheat which have proved failures. Had the crop succeeded the wheat, raised would have brought about 65 cents a bushel. At 25 bushels to the acre this would have meant \$13. For such a poor return they put in a risky crop, while the same land in other products would pay much better. For instance, the Kent canary here was compelled to establish a branch in Essex because sufficient sweet corn and tomatoes could not be obtained around Chatham. Yet this same corn would have brought farmers, who now make \$13 an acre from their wheat when it doesn't happen to be winter killed, from \$20 to \$25 an acre and the tomatoes from \$75 to \$100. The tillers of the land of course know their own business best, but it seems to us in an age when competition is so keen, too much attention cannot be paid to the possibilities of the market. If one man can only reap \$13 an acre from his land while another gets \$25, it stands to reason that either one is losing money or the other is making a fortune.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

The continental governments' archives contain reading that would prove very interesting if published, but it would also prove, it is to be feared, highly explosive. Years must elapse before these treasures can be placed at the disposal of the historian. An instance of the secrets that lie buried for years has been brought to light in connection with the visit of the Boer delegation to the Washington government. The Monetary Times claims to have information that Papineau was secretly received by the American administration of that day and permitted to plead the cause of the Canadian rebels. The Times tells this story:

The visit of the Boer delegates to Washington reminds us of what happened at the time of the Canadian rebellion, Mackenzie, after the fiasco of Navy Island, went there and made a public harangue, just as the Boer delegates have done. But here the parallel is interrupted. He did not obtain an audience of the government; at a later date Papineau did, secretly pleading with the government to aid the Canadian rebels, a fact which has not hitherto been made public, but in vain. Another curious coincidence deserves to be mentioned. A member of the old Van Rensselaer family championed the Boer delegates in New York; in the Canadian rebellion, Dr. Rolph, seconded by an American politician, induced Rensselaer Van Rensselaer, a member of the same old family, to take the military command of the rebels. After a while, whether Boer money is hiring Fenian activity to do distasteful work in Canada, such as that at Thorold, and in British Columbia.

Why not call it Jonesburg?

Om Paul may yet be in time for the Paris exhibition.

By the time Roberts takes Pretoria, Toronto and Sarnia people will be ready to celebrate over again.

Now that the critical part of the contest is over it is rapidly developing into a "bare" war.

It is said Lord Methuen is as mad as a March hare. Pity somebody didn't find this out before he was permitted to sacrifice the gallant Highlanders at Magersfontein.

Harrow's new paper, the Sentinel, is now an established fact. It appears to be a new little journal of a standard which the proprietor may find it difficult to maintain in the limited field furnished by that village and vicinity. It would be a credit to many larger places.

To give the devils their due, the McKinley administration have followed an honorable, dignified and tactful course throughout this war, and the courteous but complete way in which they turned down the peace envoys left no opening for either their friends or their opponents to find fault with them.

The first full-blooded Indian woman to receive a diploma as a trained nurse is Miss Nancy Ruth Seneca, daughter of Chief Isaac Seneca, head of the Seneca tribe on the Cataraugus reservation in New York State. She is now completing her professional education at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital in Philadelphia, where the doctors pronounce her a treasure in care and skill.

The proposed reorganization of the Twenty-fourth recalls the interesting fact that at Chatham was located the first military depot in Ontario, west of Niagara. The records show that when the British handed over Detroit

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Slips of any kind are to be deplored, but there is one slip Nature never forgives. It is the carelessness of ignoring the signal that the body is in danger of wreck. It may be that the kidneys or the stomach or the head gives the warning sign. But remember, the blood feeds every organ of the body.

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to a detachment of American troops on July 11, 1896, they had to lead, the latter some supplies, and sent to the military depot at Chatham for flour and bacon.

By the way, what has become of the great war expert, Spencer Wilkinson? He seems to have gone into a hole and pulled Winston Churchill and Sun Tzu out of him.—Hamilton Herald.

And, by the way, we also miss the experts of the Herald and Spectator.

Has an extra run of job printing made it necessary to take them off the expert business to feed the office press?

A peculiar point has been up for decision in the English courts. Insurance companies, which have been taking risks on Transvaal gold shipments, had a proviso in the policies securing them against liability in case of war and consequent loss due thereto. Just before the outbreak the Boers requisitioned a large quantity of gold in transit from the mines. By the judgment of Justice Matthews in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice insurance companies will have to pay their policies on gold requisitioned by the Transvaal prior to the outbreak of the war. Two claims, each for \$500,000, have been decided in favor of the plaintiffs, mining companies, the judge holding that no state of war existed at the time of the seizure of the gold. It is surprising how anxious insurance companies are to hold other people to the strict letter of their policies, and yet they only want to abide by the spirit of them themselves.

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THE GLOBE AND THE CLERGY.

Montreal Star.
The Toronto Globe is trying to prevent the Canadian clergy from expressing their views upon the bribery and corruption which have become so prevalent in Canada. It says:—"The class of men who give or take bribes and practice crooked methods are not likely to be greatly influenced by ministers preaching against their conduct." We cannot agree with the Globe that preaching against electoral fraud is likely to be fruitless. Granting that the men who forge ballots and "switch" ballots seldom come under religious influences, our contemporary must remember that these men are employed to do the dirty work for other men who pose as respectable members of society, and who even may be church members. The great strength of the electoral corruption which is weakening the moral stamina of the nation, is that it is condoned by men in high places. This should not be made a party question. Canadians of both parties should unite to put down corruption.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY IN LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
Another instance of the enterprise which characterizes the great trans-American railway, more familiarly known as the C. P. R., is afforded in this company's new offices in Liverpool. The head office for Europe is in London, but as Liverpool is the principal Canadian port, it follows that the local office of the railway is second only in importance to that presided over by Mr. Archer Danks, the European traffic manager. The Liverpool interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway are in the capable hands of Mr. J. J. Gilbertson, a gentleman recently identified with all Canadian trade matters both on this and the other side of the Atlantic. For some time past it has been felt that the Liverpool office has been somewhat too small for the increased volume of passenger travel which is booked to points on the C. P. R. via Liverpool. Larger offices, accordingly, have been secured, and no expense has been spared in making the C. P. R. offices, No. 9, James street, to be known as the Canadian-buildings, thoroughly typical of the character of the whole Canadian Pacific Railway System. Although this magnificent suite of offices is quite in keeping with the high class character of the Canadian Pacific Railway arrangements in general, and reflects the highest credit upon the skill and taste displayed by the firm entrusted with the work of carrying out Mr. Gilbertson's designs. The erection of so artistic a suite of offices should go far towards removing the blot which is imposed by many to rest upon the mightiest port in the world that here the commercial spirit predominates to so large an extent that there is neither time nor money for the artistic.

TRIALS OF A CLUB REPORTER.

His Enthusiasm Led to His Getting a Long Vacation.

Harry D. Jones, a well known New York editor, tells a story illustrating the trials of one club reporter.
"It was in Cleveland some years ago, when I was engaged in daily newspaper work in that city. A young man had just joined the editorial staff of a rival paper. He came from an out of the way town and had never before lived in a large city. He was elated over his position and assumed so much dignity and even haughtiness that the other reporters determined to teach him a lesson. He had been sent to the lake front to get an exclusive story concerning the shipbuilding industry, and he announced that fact to several other reporters, one of whom looked at him in mock astonishment and remarked solemnly:
"By Jove, old man, that's work they give to the oldest reporters on the staff. You see, these silly shipbuilders won't talk to the ordinary reporter. If you have influence, you can get a great beat from Keelson's yard. Everybody has been trying to get in there for two weeks."

"The new reporter said that he had all the influence he needed and went post-haste to the yard. Here he was received by the second conspirator, who had taken on the guise of a member of the firm, and filled up with a technical story in which reels and main trucks, rudder posts and cutwaters, rolling chocks and dodecahedrons were hopelessly and absurdly mingled. He effected the interview by presenting the reporter with a photograph of what he called the newest idea in naval architecture, but which was, in fact, a snapshot picture of a factory chimney smoking away with the factory chimney seeming to spring from the deck of a small boat lying in front of the building.

"The next day this remarkable picture appeared in print. Early in the afternoon the reporter was called up on the telephone by the third conspirator, who said angrily:

"I am the agent of the shipbuilding company whose boat you libeled today, and you have described it so incorrectly that I shall sue you for damages unless you print a retraction and make the proper corrections. The chimney you have printed it looks as if it were on my boat. It does not belong to my boat at all, but is part of a factory near by."

"And this statement appeared in the paper the next morning just as it had been sent over the telephone. That same afternoon the new reporter started on one of the longest vacations on record in Ohio journalism. It is not ended yet."—Saturday Evening Post.

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