

The Planet

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WHAT IS THIS HORRIBLE DESTRUCTIVE AGENT?

A contemporary recalls that in 1811 there was submitted to Admiral Cochrane, afterward Earl of Dundonald, a terrible and mysterious means of making war, and also, indirectly, of preventing war, by making fighting impossible. It is related, this secret of war plan was investigated by a special commission appointed by the British government, who reported that it would destroy any fleet or fortification against which it was directed, but its rejection was advised on account of its inhumanity. Although Lord Dundonald subsequently served in the navies of other nations, he never divulged his secret, which still remains in the possession of the war office. Its employment was again suggested at the time of the Crimean war, and again rejected on account of its appalling barbarity. Once more it is put forward for use against the Boers as a speedy and effective means of putting an end to the war. Its advocates urge that it is really more humane than the gun and rifle system of fighting now in vogue, and that an exhibition of its terrible destructiveness would do more to bring peace at present and prevent war in future than any other means at the disposal of the British government.

THE REPTILE PRESS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the debate on the address, spoke of what he called the "reptile press." This term was formerly applied by Sir Wilfrid's friends to those papers which got Government printing and advertising. Using the same rule, we find the following in the reptile list, according to the latest report from the Auditor-General:

Montreal Herald,	\$15,000
St. John Telegraph,	8,000
Moncton Transcript,	6,700
Halifax Chronicle & Echo,	6,145
Halifax Recorder,	3,119
Toronto Globe,	2,529
St. John Gazette,	2,025
St. John Globe,	2,237
Quebec Telegraph,	2,075
Montreal La Presse,	1,678
Our own small fry—	16,350
Amherstburg Echo,	1,500
Bothwell Times,	7,100
Chatham Banner,	1,200
Free Press,	18,920
Leamington News,	636.90
London Advertiser,	8,250
Ridgeway Plaindealer,	9,700
Ridgeway Standard,	35,750
Sarnia Observer,	2,250
Wallaceburg Herald,	66.50
Windsor Record,	

These are samples, and it is said that not one of these papers had a word to say in favor of sending a contingent to Africa until the Government changed its mind. It was not to this paper that the Government looked for guidance and to which it yielded at the last.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE PEST.

The Ontario Government has reached what it believes to be a solution of the San Jose scale problem. In future the measure to protect the fruit trees will be preventive rather than destructive. A system of spraying is to be adopted and destruction to take place only when an imperative necessity. The owner will in that case be compensated only on condition that he can prove he has previously sprayed his trees. When compensation is necessary it will be more generous than in the past.

Mr. Dryden thinks that the differences which have arisen have largely been due to insufficient compensation. The value of an infected tree would be estimated according to the extent of the disease therein, and the owner compensated with 25 per cent. of the sum so fixed. Mr. Dryden maintains, however, that the legislation did good, as the pest had gotten into two good nurseries, and but for the legislation adopted the orchards of the whole province would have been eaten up.

A deputation of the Fruit Growers' Association recommended annual spraying in April with Osewa's whole soap or raw fruit petroleum. Such a course would save any tree, although its vitality might be impaired by the scale.

The Government, it is understood, has already spent \$27,000 in connection with the pest.

General Buller's despatches are like his movements, very laborious. He takes more space several times over to tell of one skirmish on the Tugela than Lord Roberts occupied to describe the crushing of Cronje and relief of Kimberley.

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necessary, it would perhaps be unreasonable to suggest that he take the time to do his own figuring in the matter.

Now that Kimberley is relieved the farmers can again begin investing their hard earned savings from Archie Campbell's cheap coal oil and free corn in Cecil Rhodes' diamonds.

General Buller officially announces that he has captured a wagon load of Boer ammunition. This, of course, is important, but still one cannot properly estimate the extent of the disaster to the Boers until we learn whether the driver and mules were also taken or not.

The members of the Canadian contingent cannot get postage stamps where they are, so their letters are forwarded to their friends here C. O. D. double postage. That is pretty small for a country that can send out half a million pamphlets free for Dick Cartwright.

Mr. Macrum, the fresh young man who at one time represented the United States at Pretoria, has dispelled the mystery which enveloped him since he turned his face toward home. From the story he tells it is apparent that his nerves have been shaken and that he has been "seeing things."

Ald. McKeough gave the council the welcome news last night that he believed there would be no opposition to the proposed King street pavement. Good! If anything was calculated to give a stranger the idea that Chatham's principal industry was the manufacture of fever and ague, it was the appearance of King street on an off day.

Senator Dandurand predicts that some day a free and independent flag will wave over Canada. The time for the utterance of such sentiments is inopportune. The fact that Dandurand cannot refrain from their utterance shows that he is anxious for that time to arrive. And this is the kind of men Sir Wilfrid Laurier is filling his senatorial vacancies with.

The Privy Council have given judgment reversing the decision of the Quebec court in the Dunkin Temperance Act case of Wentworth v. Mathieu. The act, which is in force in Richmond county, in that province, is upheld. In the Wentworth v. Mathieu case, the district, was convicted of violation of the act. On appeal Judge Lemieux quashed all the convictions but one, on the ground that the accused might be sent to prison for the rest of his life in default of payment of fines, which would be oppressive. The Privy Council have reversed the judgment of Judge Lemieux, taking the view that any number of convictions can be made under the terms of the Dunkin Act.

It is generally taken for granted in political circles that Mr. Tarte will retire from the government before the end of the present session. His health is very precarious, and his will afford him a good excuse for retiring. The name of Mr. Brodeur, the present deputy speaker, is mentioned as the one most likely to succeed Mr. Tarte in the cabinet, but if Mr. Brodeur is appointed there will be a big kick from the Montreal Liberals, who claim that Mayor Prefontaine is the most likely to succeed Mr. Tarte. Mr. Prefontaine is already strongly dissatisfied with some of the government's actions, and unless he gets a portfolio, his friends say, he will come out in opposition at the general election.

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Vancouver Province.
Vancouver is in the grip of a terrible snow storm. There must be at least an eighth of an inch on the ground.

ITS TAKING WAY.

Dundas Banner.
Smallpox has broken out at Toronto Junction and there is fear that Toronto may take it. Quite likely. Toronto takes nearly anything from the outside places it can get hold of.

TIRED OF PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS.

Detroit News.
If the Boer war is to cause a recrudescence of the professional Irishman in this country, our government can't intervene too soon.

AYE, THERE'S THE RUB.

Woodstock Express.
Sir Richard Cartwright says that the present government has been doing the things previous governments only thought of doing. This is no doubt true of some things, including the piling up of expenditure.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

Buffalo News.
All doubt about the right of the matter vanished when the Boers declared war and crossed the territorial line to attack Dundee. They invaded British territory to kill and destroy, and on President Kruger and the Boers the blame must rest.

INGERSOLL'S OWN POET.

Our own William Wilson, poet and author, will have to look to his laurels. Ingersoll also has a poet, Mr. James McIntyre, and here is a sample of his poetry:

Since the days of the great Crusade,
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For those riders of the plains,
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And these troopers do proudly feel
Faith in their commander, Steel,
For he did rescue ladies fair
From savage claws of the Big Bear.

The ferocious Indian chief,
Whose cruel rule he brought to grief,
Kruger now is the Big Bear,
A tyrant in native hair.

But they soon will pure his claws,
And make him submit to British laws,
For British Empire is extending,
Truth and justice ever blending.

THE POLICE COURT.

At yesterday's police court F. Shea, convicted of drunkenness, was assessed \$1 and costs and given a severe lecture.

From the fact that papers are up against Shea a sequel to his case arose in that against William J. Kitchen, proprietor of the Idlewild hotel, for selling Shea liquor while prohibitory papers were out against him. The evidence was somewhat contradictory and the magistrate reserved judgment for a week.

David Cribb pleaded guilty to a charge of drunk and disorderly and was assessed \$1 and costs.

George Gregg was charged with the larceny of a plough from the hardware establishment of King, Cunningham & Drew. The prisoner said he was intoxicated and did not comprehend what he was doing. He was remanded for a week.

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