

The Planet

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HEAT SCRAP-IRON ASSESSMENT.

It is gratifying to learn that the Ontario assessment commission will report against the system of "scrap iron" assessment and that the local legislature will be asked to change the law. Under what was known as the "junk" or "scrap iron" system of assessment large corporations, plants were not assessed by municipalities with any regard to the earning power of the plant, but at its actual value as "scrap." For instance, a telephone company's poles and wires could not be assessed as part of an expensive operating plant earning dividends for its shareholders, but as so many yards of wire and so much timber represented by the poles. The principle was decidedly unjust to municipalities. It applied equally to the plant of gas companies, street railways, telegraph and electric light companies. Efforts have been made previously to have the act changed, but without success. The theory, of course, was that a company might be doing business in several municipalities and it was claimed that they should not be assessed as a going concern in several different places at once. The result was that they escaped assessment as "going concerns" in all municipalities and their plant was assessed only as "junk" irrespective of its value as an earning power.

HARD ON THE ORATORS.

The Duke of Argyll, formerly Marquis of Lorne and Governor-General of Canada, is not a believer in oratory. He appears to believe that the man who can talk "like a streak of greased lightning," as the boys used to say, is not much good for anything else. In an article in the North American Review he declares:

"Indeed, too great eloquence in any responsible statesman is a perilous luxury. It delights the audience, thrills for the moment the public, and then, like even the best whiskey, is apt to be succeeded by a chill which is the penance for the passing exhilaration. The greatest orators are usually the worst political guides. Judgment is necessary for affairs. A man who has enough imagination to be supremely eloquent is not in a condition to have his judgment firmly seated. His own phrases, struck from burning imagination or its imitation, have too extended a reach. If taken seriously, the praise or dispraise exalts or abases in a degree which becomes in practice outrageous. The majesty of perspective is lost in the intoxication of phrase and passion." The one-time Canadian Governor-General proceeds to wind up the speaker who sways a crowd with the melody of his sentences is too apt to have none of his sweet notes for the equal scales of justice. His burning words may be good to incite to war, or during a contest, but are not of the essence of that economy in all things which is desired by good Liberals. Luckily, we have now scarcely any rhetoricians. We may have busy men on both sides, especially if lawyers may be considered men of business. Our orators are laudably dull. Our good talkers are in the ascendant."

And still we have no effective snow-shovelling-by-law.

If some alderman would only prepare a snow-cleaning-by-law in July or August it might be ready for use by the time the blizzards of winter arrived.

No one can deny, on this Sabbatharian Saturday, that Hamilton is a loyal town.—Hamilton Herald.

That extract is from the Saturday Evening Herald. Where did its Sabbatharian Saturday come in?

The Hamilton Herald points out that the Hamilton jail is no joint stock affair; that city owns the whole institution. We know of no city that requires to own a whole jail more than Hamilton.

A famous oculist, who has made a close study of the visual organs of his patients has come to the conclusion that most people are right or left sighted, as they are right or left handed. Possibly that is the reason they often take a one-sided view of things.

We notice that a minority of the evening papers throughout Ontario so far forgot themselves as to publish on Saturday. Can they give any good reason why a bank, a store, or a factory should close out of respect to Her late Majesty, while a newspaper can go on doing business as usual?

A well-known citizen who appreciates the humane work done by Henry Duggan, has handed \$5 into The Planet office which he wishes to be made the nucleus of a fund to pay that officer. Two other citizens have also stated that if the fund goes ahead they will subscribe \$5 each. The matter rests with the people. If they come forward it will not take long to raise \$250.

"Want of Watchfulness Makes a Thief."

Many cases of poor health come from want of watchfulness. But if you keep your blood pure no thief can steal your health.

The one effective natural blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints.

Impure Blood.—My wife suffered with pain and distress from an affection of the throat caused by impure blood. She was almost in despair when she turned to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Six bottles of this medicine completely cured her. J. W. WOODMAN, Oak, Ont.

Scrofula.—Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of scrofula. I was weak and debilitated but it made me strong and well. After a severe cold had catarrhal fever. Again resorted to this medicine and it cured me. SARAH E. DUNSTON, Annapolis, N. S.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints
Hood's Pills cure liver, bile, the non-digesting and may substitute to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

Commenting on the fact that the Presbyterians more than raised the million dollar fund the Montreal Gazette says:—"Amid all the questioning about the steadfastness of the people in the old faith, religion still has power to touch the Scotchman in the place which is proverbially hardest to get at."

Hysterical American papers are talking overtime about Great Britain wanting to form alliances. Herein they show their ignorance of foreign politics. Realizing years ago her position of "splendid isolation" Great Britain has since avoided all formal alliances as entangling. What she seeks and offers is friendship, not cast iron agreements.

GET READY FOR THIS COLD WAVE
Ottawa Citizen.
Prof. See, the astronomer in charge of the telescope at the Naval Academy in Washington, calculates that in 3,000,000 years the sun will have burned out, the solar system will be in darkness, and all life will be frozen to death. Wouldn't that chill you!

NOT A PLEASING PICTURE.
Lady's Pictorial.
Gambling, intrigue, extravagance, selfish luxury, vulgar ambition, were just as rampant among women a hundred years ago, as they are to-day, with the deplorable addition that in

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left by the grippe is dangerous; it irritates and weakens the throat and lungs. It opens the door for consumption.

SCOTT'S EMULSION
heals the inflammation; strengthens the lungs and the whole body. Every doctor knows this.

It goes right to the weak, irritated parts; you feel better almost immediately; improvement is rapid; soon you are all right and out of danger.

Don't delay. Get a bottle to-day, or send us this ad. and we will send you a free sample.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Canada.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound
Is successfully used monthly by over 10,000 ladies. Safe, efficient. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. No other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, 50c per box; No. 2, 10c per box. 25c per box. No. 3, 10c per box. No. 4, 10c per box. No. 5, 10c per box. No. 6, 10c per box. No. 7, 10c per box. No. 8, 10c per box. No. 9, 10c per box. No. 10, 10c per box. No. 11, 10c per box. No. 12, 10c per box. No. 13, 10c per box. No. 14, 10c per box. No. 15, 10c per box. No. 16, 10c per box. No. 17, 10c per box. No. 18, 10c per box. No. 19, 10c per box. No. 20, 10c per box. No. 21, 10c per box. No. 22, 10c per box. No. 23, 10c per box. No. 24, 10c per box. No. 25, 10c per box. No. 26, 10c per box. No. 27, 10c per box. No. 28, 10c per box. No. 29, 10c per box. No. 30, 10c per box. No. 31, 10c per box. No. 32, 10c per box. No. 33, 10c per box. No. 34, 10c per box. No. 35, 10c per box. No. 36, 10c per box. No. 37, 10c per box. No. 38, 10c per box. 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