

The Planet

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NECESSITY FOR LAW REFORM IN CIVIL CASES.

Col. Denison, police magistrate of Toronto, and himself a lawyer, is strongly in favor of law reform in civil cases. He thinks the present system too costly, besides being unsatisfactory. Some time ago Col. Denison in his police court expressed very strong opinions as to the large costs which lawyers were able to charge in civil cases. He considered in fact that when these costs amounted to nine-tenths of the sum recovered, so that the client received only the remaining one-tenth, the latter could hardly be expected to be perfectly satisfied with the result. Incidentally, the Colonel remarked on law procedure in general, and expressed the hope that the system of civil law practice would some day be reformed. The Canada Law Journal, in its issue of the first of October, took the matter up and in an article headed "A Law Reformer," attacked Col. Denison in a somewhat severe and patronizing manner. The Colonel's suggestions are "crude as they are," he "does not pretend to know much law, but he knows something else of more value," "he receives a salary which, in proportion to the amount of time spent, is vastly greater than the fees received by any minister of the crown, chief justice or other official in the Dominion," and soon after this pleasing little introduction, the learned editor proceeded to attack Col. Denison's position. He denied that legal charges in the province are enormous, "they are on the contrary, very moderate compared with those in other countries, a fact which Col. Denison ought to know." The latter's suggestions as to reform are neither new nor valuable, and if he were an authority at all upon law, he would never air his ignorance. This is in substance how the editor crushed the police magistrate of Toronto. The Colonel, however, in the Journal of November 1st, returns to the subject, and we must say, makes out a strong case. After disposing of the errors into which the Journal had fallen as to attacks upon the profession and so on, and disposing of the editor's allegations as to his being highly paid and doing nothing, the worthy magistrate states his own views as to the administration of justice in civil cases. The fundamental proposition which he lays down is this: the state having taken upon itself the duty of settling disputes between its citizens, it should see to it that this duty is performed at the least possible cost. "But," Colonel Denison asks, "is this the case? By no means," he answers, and then he gives an amusing account of the progress of a suit, from the time when the action is launched until, having passed through two or three appeals, in each of which the previous judgment is reversed, it reaches the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, where the final decision is given, which is more likely to be right than any of the previous ones, as the judges "have no appeal above them, and do not trouble themselves so much about precedents as about justice." "Then what happens?" Col. Denison asks. "One man wins, and the other loses, neither being altogether in the right, neither altogether in the wrong, but one gets everything, the other loses everything. . . . The total costs in a case like this would probably amount to thousands if not tens of thousands of dollars, and it might have been as satisfactorily settled without expense, and with just as much certainty, if the parties had tossed a copper to decide it at the start." [The conclusion of the whole matter is, according to the Colonel, that the State should decide disputes quickly, simply, without formalities, and without regard to anything except the absolute justice in each case; that there should be only one appeal, which should be final, and that many precedents, perhaps the mistakes of men gone by, should not be worshipped or followed to create injustice. If the State did this, did away with all fees of every kind, and hired the lawyers at fixed salaries, to assist the judges in bringing forward evidence, there is no occasion why disputes could not be settled in one-tenth of the time and at one-twentieth of the expense now incurred.]

The Law Journal treats the Magistrate's letter in a jocular vein, especially in regard to the "copper-tossing idea." Our own impression is, that while some of his suggestions may be utopian, he has the better of the argument, and that the Journal, seeing this, is now inclined to treat the whole matter as merely a jest. But there is a great deal of truth in Col. Denison's remarks, just the same.

In reply to the query why our good friend, the New Banner, singled out one department of the civic service to find fault with, that journal tells a funny story, at least a story that may once have been funny. Having got off the story will the B-N now please explain what the point is.

"The Least Hair Casts a Shadow."

A single drop of poison blood will, unless checked in time, make the whole impure. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great leader in blood purifiers.

It casts no shadow, but brings sunshine and health into every household. Running Sore—My mother was troubled with rheumatism in her knee for a number of years, and it broke out into a running sore. She took three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and is now well. Hood's Olive Ointment helped to heal the eruption. Mrs. JOHN FARR, Cloverlawn, Ancaster, Ont.

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SIR WILFRID'S UNFORTUNATE POSITION.

The Huntingdon Gleaner (Liberal) of Nov. 15 says, editorially: The ominous feature of these (election) returns is that the Government has been supported only in the smaller provinces and in Quebec. The chief province of the Dominion, the one that has the greatest population and which contributes the largest share of the revenue, has condemned the Laurier Government, and the fact stands out that the Government is going to rule by means of the members of Quebec. This is most unfortunate, for it gives a handle to those men who during the recent campaign worked the cry of race and creed for all it was worth. We are sure no man can deplore the absence of an Ontario majority more than Sir Wilfrid, and it is in consonance with his spirit of tolerance and desire to propitiate opponents that he will do his best to restrain his Quebec followers, so that no occasion be given for the renewal of the dread cry of Quebec domination. During the next five years he will have a difficult part to play, and his success depends whether Confederation is to remain intact. Of the cause of his failure to carry Ontario we may be allowed to say a few words from the Gleaner's standpoint. From that time he broke from the traditional policy of the Liberals in subsidizing railways, in taking up public works that were in no sense Dominion undertakings, but mere bribes to constituents, and in neglecting to repeal duties levied for the benefit of monopolies, we said he would lose the support of those Liberals who had regard for the principles which the name Liberal represents, and who were not units of a mere party machine. We submit the result has proved this. Had the Government been one of retrenchment and economy it would not have lost 16 constituencies in Ontario and had its majorities reduced in many others. Surely the Ontario returns speak of Liberals who did not speak of Liberals who preferred Opposition candidates to men like McMillen, who had been false to all their professions while in Opposition: Coming nearer home, Huntingdon and Chateaugay are in evidence of the number of English-speaking Liberals who stayed at home on polling day or else voted against the Government candidates. Whatever else the elections may show, they prove that broken pledges, extravagance in expenditure, and increase in debt have

EATING FOR TWO it may be for three. A new mother, or about-to-be mother, should keep herself up to the highest possible level of health and supply, and begin far back. Live generously and carefully. Whatever is good for her comfort and health, let her have it; whatever is bad for her comfort or health, avoid it. Almost without exception, Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is a needed help; and generally a very important help.

Ed. Laby has just completed his new house. Frank Kelly intends to join the benedictines Tuesday. James Dillon has raised his new barn and the carpenters are rushing it through with all possible speed. J. E. Lewis returned from Calgary a few weeks ago with a carload of fine large driving and general purpose horses. They are arousing interest in this district and people are coming in numbers to see them. We are coming in numbers for a sale in connection with S. L. Wellwood on the 22nd. Mr. Lewis speaks very highly of Alberta and intends going back in the spring. Church—I see by the paper that 39 doctors arrived home recently from Europe, on one steamer.

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alienated a large section of the Liberal party from the present Administration, and that its continuance in office is due to the popularity of Sir Wilfrid with his compatriots. In the five years before it, while we hope that the Administration will endeavor, by changing its policy, to win back the justly dissatisfied Liberals, we can hardly expect it while Tarte and Blair are its most potent members.

The Globe's creed cry campaign is bound to fail. The Glencoe footballers put up a very fair game of football for Glencoe. But still, a place like St. Thomas would be more in their class.

As this is the time to discuss municipal reforms, The Planet might once more call attention to the fact that the water rates in this city are too high. Our schedule does not compare favorably with other cities.

The coal barons of the United States put up the wages of their employees 10 cents, and the price of coal 50. It will be exceedingly chilly weather when these monopolists get the worst of a deal.

AM. Sulman's announcement of his candidature for mayor has been very favorably received by the people of the city. There is a feeling abroad that a number of years in the minor offices of alderman he should be rewarded by the electors for his services by promotion to the major office of chief magistrate.

Talking about candidates for next year's council, it may incidentally be mentioned that there is work ahead for good men to do. We want a council to vigorously continue the paving policy so successfully inaugurated this year. The thinning out of the shade trees, which are now an injury to the city's health, should be undertaken, and then there is the cemetery extension matter.

The burning to death of the 16-year-old negro boy in Colorado was a disgrace to that state. The governor should be ashamed of himself and the people should be ashamed of their governor. It was known just what would happen if the accused were permitted to be returned to the scene of the crime. With a full knowledge of what it meant, the authorities of the capital county of the state turned the prisoner over to Lincoln officers to be conveyed back to where public sentiment was still aflame. This was done at the seat of government, before the eyes of the governor of the state of Colorado. All happened that was expected. The prisoner never reached Hugo. He, apparently, was not intended by the state government of Colorado that he should. The result is a pleasant picture of American civilization.

BY A NEW MOUTH. Chicago Doctors Expect to Save This Man's Life. Chicago, Nov. 19.—At the National Medical College Friday Dr. L. D. Rogers performed what is probably the only successful operation of its kind ever undertaken in Chicago. G. McDonald, an old member of the Tugmen's Union, was the patient. He is doing well. Owing to a complicated throat trouble McDonald was unable to take nourishment in the usual way. The operation is known as "Witzel's method of gastrostomy."

RECONCENTRADO PLAN It Will be Used to "Pacify" Transvaal Goers at the Suggestion of "Bobs." Durban, Nov. 17.—The Natal Mercury reports that among the measures to be adopted to pacify the Boers is the reconcentrado plan, suggested by Lord Roberts. Kitchener has decided to take this step, owing to the difficulty of dealing with the armed Boers, while hampered by the civilian population in the outlying small towns.

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Reduced Telephone Rates THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA For Long Distance service to non-subscribers. has abolished the extra charge to non-subscribers for service over its Long Distance Lines. Special Rates to all from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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EVENING CLASSES AT The Canada Business College—Opening Monday, Nov. 19th. It is a number of years since we have conducted an evening class, but there have been so many urgent requests of late from those who are anxious to have the instruction but cannot attend during the day, that we have decided to meet the wants of such and will open classes in Short-hand, Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Penmanship, and Arithmetic. Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each week. For particulars regarding terms, etc., call at the College Office any time between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. For those whose occupation will prevent them from calling between said hours the office will be open from 7.30 to 8.30 p. m. on each evening of the week, excepting Sunday, until the 19th inst. D. McLAIDLAW & CO.

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Notice to Creditors. In the matter of the estate of Isabella Garner, late of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, widow, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Isabella Garner, who died on or about the fifth day of October, 1900, are required on or before the 30th day of November, 1900, to send by post prepaid or delivered to Thomas Scullard, room 26, Victoria block, Chatham, solicitor or W. S. Ireland and A. F. Falls, the executors for the last will and testament of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them in respect of their claims. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution. Dated at Chatham this 20th day of October, 1900. THOMAS SCULLARD, Solicitor for the Executors. do 20-6-13-20-4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Surrogate Court of the County of Kent. In the matter of the Estate of Susan Adelaide Warren, late of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, widow, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the revised statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Susan Adelaide Warren, who died on or about the fifth day of September, A. D. 1900, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to J. B. O'Flynn, Esq., King street, Chatham, Ont., solicitor for Edward Duncan Warren, and Agnes Yule Warren, the executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, on or before the sixth day of December, A. D. 1900, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them duly verified. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice has not been received by them at the time of such distribution. Dated at Chatham this 6th day of November, A. D. 1900. J. B. O'FLYNN, Solicitor for the Executors. n5-13-20-27.

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