

The Planet

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RAILROAD ACCIDENTS ON THE DECREASE.

On the principal railroads of the United States there was a decrease last year of about 5 per cent. in the number of employees killed, and nearly 3 per cent. in the number wounded, as compared with 1898. The railroads were much busier in the latter year than in the earlier one. They handled more freight and carried more passengers, and the number of their employees was decidedly increased. A falling rate of accidents among the working force of the road shows, therefore, a very gratifying change for the better in the risks of the service. Improved cars and appliances have materially lessened the dangers of railroad work. This improvement in the conditions of employment for hundreds of thousands of people will undoubtedly continue. Every year the roadbeds are made more substantial. The engines are more powerful and the cars are stronger. Brakes and switches are improved, gradually, and all the equipment of the railways is better than it used to be in the days of vast and hasty construction of new lines which were doomed to a period of partial starvation for want of patronage.

PREMIER ROSS' MAJORITY.

Estimates of the present majority of the Liberal government in this province vary from four to twelve, since the recent elections, the latter figure including the speaker. Premier Ross' actual majority at the present time, exclusive of West Huron, East Middlesex and North Waterloo (one Conservative and two close Liberal ridings), is eight, made up as follows:—

Conservative—	Liberal—
Allen	Aylsworth
Beatty (Leeds)	Harber
Barr	Beatty (Parry Sd.)
Boyd	Ward
Brower	Bowman
Carscaddon	Bridgeford
Colquhoun	Brown
Crawford	Hurt
Dempsey	Caldwell
Duff	Carpenter
Elmer	Clarke
Fellis	Comtee
Fox	Davis
Gallagher	Dickenson
Hayle	Douglas
Jamieson	Dryden
Jessop	Farwell
Joynt	Ferguson
Kidd	German
Krabe	Gibson
Little	Guibord
Lucas	Harcourt
Martir	Harty
Matheson	Hill
Misrahpell	Hilop
Morrison	Holmes
Montith	Latchford
Macdonald	Leys
McDonald	Loughlin
McLaughlin	Lumsden
Powell	Malcolm
Pyne	Mutrie
Reid (Addington)	McKay
Reid (Durham)	McKee
Thompson	Pardee
Tucker	Pardo
Wardell	Pattullo
White	Pettypiece
Whitney—11	Preston
	Richardson
	Ross
	Russell
	Smith
	Stratton
	Taylor
	Truax—49.

Should the Conservatives carry the three pending by-elections, which is not unlikely, as East Middlesex is a safe Conservative constituency and North Waterloo and West Huron are very close and were only won by the most disgraceful corruption, the parties will stand 44 to 49.

MIXED SCHOOLS UNDESIRABLE.

A resolution looking toward separate schools for boys and girls from the fourth grade up through the High schools will be introduced before the Chicago Board of Education as soon as the plans can be completed. The new scheme will be based largely upon that in operation in the Public schools of New Orleans and other cities in Louisiana, where co-education, even in the elementary schools, is not allowed.

Trustee Schwab, of Chicago, who is at work on the matter, received his elementary education in New Orleans. He makes his plea for the separation of sexes largely upon moral lines, and says that he believes the conditions existing in such a cosmopolitan city as Chicago demand it.

"The inherited traits and home training of many of the boys in our cosmopolitan schools are not such as to make them desirable companions for girls," said Mr. Schwab. "The language you may hear on any of our streets from boys bears this out. The plea is made that companionship of girls is elevating to boys, but I do not believe the gain is worth the sacrifice. I am convinced that co-education is responsible in a great measure for the growing immorality of our cities. I don't believe boys of school age are greatly elevated by association with girls, while it is a fact that girls of that age learn many things from association with boys that

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they should never know. I am not opposed to co-education in academies, colleges or universities, or, for that matter, in small private schools for younger children, where the pupils are few and select, and can be watched. With our overcrowded Public schools, however, the case is vastly different. I believe it to be a positive menace."

City Engineer Shackleton is no doubt casting his eagle eye just now along some of the streets which possess underground granolithic sidewalks. These were laid before Mr. Shackleton took office, and he is in no wise to blame for them. They go to show that a poor engineer is expensive at any salary while a good one earns every dollar you give him.

Robert Barr, in an interview in New York, is reported to have said: "I have no more doubt that the British will conquer the Boers than I have that OUR troops will conquer the Filipinos." It would be interesting to know when the section of Kent county, in which Robert first hoed potatoes got into the American union and sent "our" troops to fight the Filipinos.

Mr. Bourassa resigned his seat in the Legislature as a protest against the Government sending a contingent to South Africa. Now that Mr. Bourassa's constituents have endorsed his protest against Premier Laurier's course by re-electing him by acclamation the Liberal newspapers are crowing over the affair as if it were a victory. It is a victory, but who for, Bourassa or Laurier?

The Kingston Whig has the candor to advise its readers of the political situation in the west. It says: "An independent Liberal may not be the kind of a supporter the government wants from Winnipeg. But that's the kind that is promised. E. W. Martin, brother of Joseph Martin, is having the field to himself. Another instance of the men being stronger than the party."

The action of the law society against the county court clerkship reminds us of the fact that a large number of the best public offices have to be reserved for the legal profession on account of the duties they call for. Now, if the lay public are excluded from competing for an extensive percentage of Government offices would it not be only just to reserve to laymen all the rest? It is manifestly an unfair deal to give the lawyers half the positions exclusively with the privilege of scrambling for the other half.

HOW WAR BREEDS WAR.

Toronto Star.

Feeling runs high on the Boer war in the country villages. In a small town in the eastern part of Ontario, one day last week, the landlord of a hotel declared that he "hoped that before the war was over the British would be up to their knees in blood." Whereupon the village lawyer sprang upon him, trounced him, and threw him out of his own hotel. We understand that it was ascertained later on that he meant Boer blood, and this apology was accepted.

A JEST WITH A MORAL.

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And so the honest farmer packs
His apples up for town;
This is the top row in his sacks,
O O O O O O O O
And these are lower down
O O O O O O O O

DRAWING NEARER.

Springfield Republican.

Looking ahead into the twentieth century, Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, is confident that a marvelous unity among religious denominations will be developed. It is noteworthy, he thinks, "that the ancient enemies, Catholicism and Protestantism, are drawing closer together. The prelates and members of the two churches do not hesitate to affiliate in a thousand forms of labor." The time is past when Catholics should look back to Protestant cruelties, or when Protestants should harp upon the horrors of the Inquisition. The distinguished jurist is justified in his optimism. The twentieth century will probably see great changes for the better along religious lines.

ANOTHER ILLUSION BROKEN.

Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage.

The old adage:

Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy and
wise—

is not only illogical and unwise, but has been the source of many of the ills to which flesh is heir. A man should go to bed when he is sleepy and not before. He should get up when he is obliged to and not before. No specified time can be set for anyone. Circumstances must govern. When a person wakes up for good and can no longer sleep is the natural time to get up. If he wakes up and finds himself irresistibly inclined to turn over and take another nap he is doing violence to nature if he does not yield to the desire, provided all other things are equal. The early rising habit is an old superstition which should be abandoned with the beginning of the new century, at midnight, Dec. 31, 1900, if not sooner, it never made a man healthier, wealthier, or wiser. There is another senseless adage that the early bird catches the worm, but if the worm had not been out early he would not have been caught.

MASONIC OFFICERS.

The officers of Kent Preceptory, No. 20, Knights Templar, were installed last evening in the Masonic Hall. The Provincial Prior of the London District, Right Eminent Sir Knight D. W. B. Spry, paid the preceptory an official visit and inducted the following newly elected officers:
Sir Kt. Edward Worth, P. P.
Sir Kt. Herbert Fisher, Constable.
Sir Kt. Geo. Massey, Marshal.
Sir Kt. W. H. O'Neil, Chaplain.
Sir Kt. T. C. Macaulay, Registrar.
Sir Kt. John M. McCoig, Sub-Marshal.
Sir Kt. W. N. Morley, Treasurer.
Sir Kt. A. S. Thornton, Captain of Guards.
Sir Kt. Alex. McVean, Dresden, Almoner.
Sir Kt. Dr. Marr, Ridgetown, First Standard Bearer.
Sir Kt. Wm. Ball, Second Standard Bearer.
Sir Kt. J. E. Johnston, Sword Bearer.
Sir Kt. F. Bates, Organist.
Sir Kt. Chas. Croft, Guard.

KOOKERS FROM WINDSOR.
Some of the Canadian boys now in South Africa are complaining of the hardships of a soldier's life. E. D. Craig, in a letter received by his parents, states that the Canadian boys are kept busy handling stores, digging trenches and carrying water. They also find the bill of fare rather meager, compared to what they had in Windsor. They also have to do picket duty out on the veldt at night and do not relish the idea of being targets for Boer bullets. He says the boys all want to be at the front and do some fighting, instead of being kept at the rear as servants.

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