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ST. JOHN AND THE CENSUS

St. John people will be interested in the census from several standpoints. In the first place, the whole thing comes as a distinct disappointment, although our people had been in a measure prepared for somewhat discouraging figures. There is, however, no excuse to be found for the government estimate which was nearly a million more than the actual figures for the whole country show. Even the western provinces do not show such increases as were anticipated, and it will now be thought that many immigrants who entered western Canada subsequently removed to the United States, and that no allowance was made for their departure, although newcomers from Uncle Sam's territory were carefully recorded.

So far as New Brunswick is concerned it does not fare so badly as Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; but that is a rather melancholy satisfaction.

The count in St. John, according to the testimony of many citizens, was not accurately taken. The extent of the inaccuracies must be an open question, but some weight must be given to the assertions of dozens of citizens who say that they never saw a census enumerator, or that the men they did see did not carry on the work satisfactorily.

The thoughtful man who has watched the progress of St. John for the last ten years is likely to feel that there are many more men engaged in business here now than there were in 1901. The city seems more populous, and its general appearance of activity and vigor would certainly indicate a considerable increase in population.

There will be a very general conviction that so far as St. John city is concerned the census does not do the situation justice. For that reason many will regard with favor the suggestion made in the news columns of the Times today by one of the citizens interviewed, who says it would be well when the civic commission comes in, if a careful census were taken by the commission, in order that we may know, within narrow limits, exactly what the population is. In the light of that information, which would have to be secured with uncommon care, our public men might confer together as to measures for bringing new capital, new industries and more people to St. John.

Until the census figures for the whole country have been completed and carefully considered it is not at all certain that the maritime provinces will lose any seats in the House of Commons, for all ready-made it is suggested maritime representation may be left as it is. The west was led to expect a gain of twenty-five or twenty-seven seats at Ottawa as a result of the census, but the actual gain will be considerably less. Generally speaking, the country districts have stood still in many instances, or actually lost population.

Many of the cities have made progress which would be satisfactory had it not been made largely at the expense of the country regions.

The people of the maritime provinces, as they consider the census figures, will be asking themselves what protection has done for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. That is worth thinking about for some time to come. A reactionary tariff policy will not do for this part of Canada at least.

CANADA AND
THE DREAM OF
LONDON PAPER

Monarch of Empire to Have Residence in Dominion Instead of St. James' or Windsor?

A London paper has the following article about Canada in connection with the coming to Canada of the Duke of Connaught.

The Duke of Connaught is going to reign as viceroy at Ottawa. Is this a sign that something even more important and far-reaching will happen in the near future?

It is possible that in the future our monarchs, instead of living at St. James and Windsor, and opening parliaments at Westminster, may reign in far-away Canada, and visit our shores at rare intervals.

Such a prospect is not, perhaps flattering to our self-esteem. We have become so used to the notion that our "right little island" is the hub, if not of the universe, at least of the greatest empire in the world that we cannot easily conceive that it may not remain so for ever. But hard facts show that it is quite likely.

"It has always been the rule that the seat of government of a world-empire should be settled in its most powerful and populous and richest province. Hitherto this description has applied to England, and our sovereigns have reigned on the banks of the Thames as master of the world."

Canada and Australia are the countries of the future, Canada especially. At present their populations are comparatively small. But the population of Canada is growing by leaps and bounds. In time there will be more millions in Canada than in the United Kingdom—possibly more than in the United States.

When that time comes Canada will not only have the largest population of any part of the empire, but will be by far the richest part, and will probably have the largest army and the most powerful navy too. Then Canada will have the right to claim first place in the empire. And then she will either want to be independent or she will want our king.

After all, if our sovereigns do emigrate it will not make such a tremendous difference as it would have done a hundred or even fifty years ago. In these days of wireless telegraphy and liners which rush across the Atlantic in six days, a king reigning in Ottawa would be pretty well as near London as he would have been at Balmoral a hundred years ago, and there would be nothing to prevent ministers from taking flying trips to attend cabinet councils in Canada when urgent need arose.

Constantine the Great found that a capital in Italy was too far away from the heart of his dominions, and built a brand new capital at Constantinople. So also did Peter the Great in the case of Russia. For hundreds of years the Tsars reigned in Moscow, but at last Peter went off, taking the government and the court with him, to the new, vast city he had founded on territory conquered from Sweden and named after himself—St. Petersburg.

It is possible of course, that if Canada eventually becomes the home of our monarchs Australia and India might be jealous and object. Perhaps they would be pacified by the offer of a royal victory speech. Or they might become so far independent as to have kings of their own, these kings owing the way of the superior monarch at Ottawa, as the potentates of the German empire owe the overlordship of the Kaiser.

There is an outside chance that one of King George V's grandsons may reign in Melbourne, another in Delhi, and a third in Cape Town.

THE LOCAL OPTION VOTE

Lancaster has gone "dry"; but will it remain "dry"? Will the law be enforced, and by what means and at whose expense will it be enforced? Strict and prompt enforcement will do more to popularize the "dry" regime than hundreds of campaign temperance speeches.

The temperance forces won a stiff fight and they deserve the congratulations they are receiving. But the battle has only begun. The crucial stage of it is to come. The first six months, or the first year, under the new dispensation, will either satisfy the thoughtful people of Lancaster that local prohibition is good enough to fight for and maintain, or will give them some other impression. Doubtless many more would have voted against license had they

believed the law would be enforced strictly—had they expected prohibition to prohibit.

As it stands, Lancaster in May next, if it is to give effect to the vote of yesterday, must provide machinery for the enforcement of the law, must entrust the job to reliable men and pay for it, and must give them constant, unfailing, and vigorous support. Otherwise the outlook will become doubtful. Any sane man knows that Lancaster would be better "dry" than "wet," but previous experience suggests that a community having a prohibiting law that is constantly and generally violated is very likely to reintroduce the license system.

It is New York's turn to win.

Desiring, doubtless, to be up-to-date, secluded Havelock produces a bomb case.

Some interesting interviews with business men on the melancholy census figures are a feature of today's Times.

Protection of the great god of the Conservatives—is fatal to the growth of the maritime provinces.

The city is waiting for a pronouncement from Mr. Borden or Mr. Hazen with respect to Courtenay Bay.

China reports a battle. There are more Chinese laundrymen in New York and Chicago than there were soldiers on the firing line at Hankow. But, wait.

Evidently New Brunswick needs a progressive immigration policy, but needs still more the sort of government that will make our own people prosperous and contented at home.

The board of works investigation will not be barren, despite the attempt of the reactionaries to discredit it. The city, in sporting parlance, does not get a run for its money. And that spells bad management and petty patronage.



BONNIE SCOTLAND, DEAR AULD LAND

(By John R. Thompson, Utica, N. Y.)
O Bonnie Scotland! Dear auld land
Thou' far awa' frae thee,
Yet I think and ponder o'er
The land we dear to me;
How oft I hear thy heather mair,
Roved o'er in childhood's days
And pu'd the daisy, modest flower,
Frae aff thy grassy braes—
O dear auld land!

O Bonnie Scotland! Dear auld land!
Your wild majestic hills,
Fu' mony a time he's shelter gien
Frae tyrannical sair ills;
I love the clime their craggy sides
And frae their tops see high
The hear the lav-rock's blythesome sang
Aboon the flowery lea—
O dear auld land!

O Bonnie Scotland! Dear auld land!
Your sons, we leave and free,
Hae aye been foremost i' the fight
For name and liberty;
An' weel hae they, in wisdom's ways,
Been honored far and near,
And tae their God been leal and true,
And held His cause must dear—
O dear auld land!

IN LIGHTER VEIN



LIBERAL REWARD
"How quiet your little boy is!"
"Yes, I told him if he was good today
I would let him watch his father take up
the dining-room carpet this evening."

DELAYED IN TRANSIT

(Hatter's Bureau)
Miss Bond—What do you think of the coming man?
Miss Spenser—I think he must have met with an accident.

UNLUCKY

(Ideas)
"That was rough on Davis." "What?"
"He stepped on a piece of orange peel,
fell, and was arrested for giving a street
performance without a licence."

SHORTAGE

(Judge)
Dull—"This book says there were four-
teen original jokes."
Keene—"What a pity some of them got
lost!"

ACOUSTICS CONDEMNED

(Woman's Home Companion)
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erties of the new playhouse?
Second Actor—Poor. Your voice carries
finely out to the audience, but you can
barely hear the applause!

IT LOOKS THAT WAY

(Washington Herald)
"Johnny, if you do as you are told,
you may go to Congress some day."
"Sure enough, pop?"
"Well, I can't guarantee it, but doing as
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Three factors play a strong part in bringing about the present situation. In the first place the operators on the St. John river and in other Arrostook county waters had a great many of their logs hung up on the drive, owing to the low pitch of water that came earlier than usual, and were unable to get them to the mills. It is estimated that over 10,000,000 feet of logs were held up by low water.

Secondly, the lumber market, especially the New York market, has been off this season, and the general demand for lumber is dull, and the mills will curtail their cut somewhat on this account.

The repeal of the Pike law which went into effect in August, and which puts a duty of \$1.25 a thousand feet on American lumber manufactured in St. John, instead of allowing it to come in free in competition with the mills in the states, has the effect of cutting down the amount of logs cut on the American side of the St. John river and sent to St. John to be manufactured. Instead of the Stetson-Cutler Co. having anywhere from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of timber cut in Maine, floated down to its mill at St. John, there will be but about 10,000,000 feet this year for that concern on this side of the river.

The St. John Lumber Co. of Van Buren, which has usually handled from 40,000,000 to 45,000,000 feet of lumber in the season will cut about 14,000,000 feet this year. Quite a number of the St. John Lumber Co.'s logs were held up on the drive by low water.

Joseph T. Mison of Hamilton, who operates for the St. John Lumber Co., of Van Buren, is to cut in the vicinity of 5,000,000 feet for that concern on the upper St. John river.

Robert J. Potts of Hartland, N. B., another operator for the St. John Lumber Co., has usually handled from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 feet of lumber in the season, but he will cut only about 3,000,000 feet.

Flavien Choismard of St. Pamphile is also operating on the Big Black, and he will get out about 2,000,000 feet for the St. John Lumber Co.

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