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of the Pope always succeeded to the Papal chair.

Out in the west one pupil wrote that Hon. Robt. Rogers was the Premier of Canada. Other guesses were Henri Bourassa, W. H. Taft, Sir John A. Macdonald, and General Booth.

One hopeful set down his conviction that the C.P.R. began at the St. Lawrence River, crossed the Great Lakes and goes through the Welland Canal.

Here are a few other odd answers "The races of men are white or Caucasian, Red or Indian, and Negro or episcopalian."

"You should not feed a horse while it is eating."

"The robin lays between four and five eggs in her nest."

"The solar system was originated by Neptune, the English astronomer."

**In Far North of Canada**

A bright young woman in the newer part of British Columbia is the heroine of a bear story that is quite true. She is a farmer's daughter, and one of her daily duties is to milk the cows. One evening not long ago she was so engaged when a bear suddenly came out of the bush a few feet away from her. The bucket was partly filled with rich Jersey milk, but the girl left it on the ground and beat a hasty retreat, which was precisely what Bruin wanted. With much relish he emptied the bucket, and then ambled away.

The next evening the milkmaid was better prepared, and when she went to the pasture she carried the bucket in one hand and in the other a shotgun, which she leaned against a tree; this because she looked for a return visit of the milk-loving bear. She was not disappointed. The pail was nearly filled this time when Bruin appeared, coming toward her in a very evident hurry. The girl repeated her flight of the evening before, and the bear again made up to the bucket. When his head was comfortably into the milk, the gun, loaded with No. 6 shot, was very precisely aimed, and a second or two later

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**BRUIN LAY LOW.**

The point of this story is that the women who live in the frontier country have need of keeping their wits about them. And, as a matter of fact, most of them do. Many tales are told of the bravery, fortitude and remarkable endurance of women settlers in the remote places of the West and North, some of whom have also proved themselves possessors of exceptional ability and business keenness.

Thus there is an honour roll of at least a half-dozen women in Alaska who played the part of mining prospector so well that they made good stakes and won fame and fortune. They were in their mining days as well posted in the theory and practice of placer mining as any man in the North, and proved it by results. It is told of one of these venture-some six that once, to save her husband's bank at Nome from failure, she travelled three hundred miles in midwinter, alone and by dog-team, carrying a substantial clean-up of gold nuggets from her own holdings. By day and night, through snow and blizzard, she kept to the trail, and reached Nome, with her golden relief, just in time to avert the threatened disaster.

**TRAMPED 1,450 MILES.**

Another woman, not a gold-hunter, mushed 1,450 miles from Rampart to Whitehorse, in the Yukon. She did it alone, too, and in the dead of a deadly winter. With her train of dogs she made an average of twenty-five miles a day, and on one or two days covered thirty-five miles. That is good travelling on the winter trail, even for a man, and especially good for a woman when for the greater part of the way she ran, not rode, holding only by her hands to the bars of the dog-sleigh. For on some days it was too cold to ride; fifty and sixty and seventy below zero, which means that one must keep moving.

Just like a man, this woman musher rode and tramped, sometimes breaking a way ahead for the dogs when the zero-fog was too dense for them to see. Just like a man, too, when out of reach of the road houses, she made camp at night-time beside the trail, and slept the deep warm sleep of the outdoor North. A hole in the snow for a bed, a few fir branches for a mattress and her Arctic dog-ropes for bedspreads, she

lays herself down to sleep, alone; and at grey dawn she was up and off again. Not many women could have done it, but this woman did it, and suffered nothing more serious than the loss of a few pounds weight in her two months on the winter trail.

Strange honeymoon trips sometimes fall to the lot of northern tribes. A newly-wedded couple at Whitehorse wished to go to Dawson, their home-to-be. But they were too late in the season to catch the last steamer up the Yukon, and for a month they waited in Whitehorse. When the first snow came they set out for home by the overland route. A strange bridal outfit it was; dogs, and grub-box, and a sled big enough for two; and an arduous bridal tour ahead of them, via the winter Yukon trail. But they had a good time. The weather was not too sharp, the going was good, and the numerous road houses along the Dawson trail made convenient stopping places. When they reached Dawson they declared that they had not had a dull moment or an uncomfortable experience, and that dog-sled wedding trips in the North were good.

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from under him, and was mortally wounded, but his men escaped, leaving their arms, ammunition, guns and baggage, and everything but themselves."

"Lloyd George is a Christian because he helps the cause of woman suffrage."

"Bosworth field is important because it was at this place that Mary blew up her first husband."

"Frontenac established royal government, the fur trade and other religious institutions."

One of the questions was a request to define a Papal interdict. List to one reply:

"An interdict was an edict from the Pope forbidding all births, deaths, marriages and baptisms."

Another candidate for honours expressed his belief that the eldest son

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