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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12.

CANADA'S POPULATION.
According to an estimate recently issued by the Dominion census bureau, the population of Canada is now 7,350,000—an increase of 1,375,655 since the last census was taken, eight years ago.

Most marked has been the increase of population in the West. In 1901 the population of Manitoba was found to be 255,211. The present estimate places it at 466,268—an increase in the eight years of 211,057. In the census year the combined population of Saskatchewan and Alberta—then known as the Northwest Territories—totalled 158,940; this latest estimate of the census bureau gives Saskatchewan 341,521, and Alberta 273,859—a total of 615,380 for the former territories, or an increase of 456,440 in the eight years. Adding to this Manitoba's 466,268, the total population of the three prairie provinces is found to be 1,081,548, an increase of 666,497.

Following is a comparison of the census figures of 1901 and the present estimate.

	1901.	1910.
New Brunswick.....	331,129	430,774
Nova Scotia.....	450,774	550,774
P. E. Island.....	162,259	212,259

Maritime Provinces..... 894,952 1,027,112
British Columbia..... 178,567 289,516
Manitoba..... 255,211 466,268
Ontario..... 2,182,947 2,619,025
Quebec..... 1,448,898 2,088,461

All parts of the Dominion, it will be seen, show increases, as follows:

Maritime Provinces..... 142,158
Quebec..... 438,563
Ontario..... 436,078
Manitoba..... 211,057
Saskatchewan and Alberta..... 456,440
British Columbia..... 110,959
Unorganized districts..... 6,490

The explanation given for grouping the Maritime Provinces instead of giving the figures for each, is that no accurate data of distribution of immigration in individual Maritime Provinces is available since the data of the last census, and the estimate of population is based on general figures as to the number of immigrants who have settled in the East, and on the estimate of the rate of natural increase.

That the estimate shows a slightly larger increase of population in Quebec than in Ontario, is probably due to the estimators having made a liberal allowance for a movement from Ontario to the Canadian West, this province having contributed more than any other to the increase of population of the newer provinces.

DEFERRING TO "JOE."
The British electorate has a hard-hitter. This is one of the secrets of Chamberlain's power, and today his party yearns for him as a counterpoise to such political Dreadnoughts as Churchill and Lloyd-George. Even his manifestoes issued from his sick-room, though gaily reflections of his former self, are probably more effective than the speeches of the titular leader, Mr. Balfour. The Liberals, too, pay him the compliment of a copious citation from his old addresses as the most trenchant exposition of their own principles. They find a complete armory in his speeches of 25 years ago. For the attack upon the House of Lords there is nothing more telling than a quotation from Chamberlain. For the defence of the taxation of land, and the denunciation of the land monopoly, no arguments are so conclusive as Mr. Chamberlain's. When Liberals claim credit for old age pensions, they point to the fact that Mr. Chamberlain propounded the policy a quarter of a century ago, and made no effort to redeem his promise during his long tenure of office. Against the taxation of food, and in support of free trade, no plea could be more destructive of Mr. Chamberlain's policy today than Mr. Chamberlain's language in other days as follows:

"I can conceive it just possible, although it is very improbable, that though the sting of great suffering and deceived by misrepresentations, the working classes might be willing to try strange remedies, and might be foolish enough to submit for a time to a proposal to tax the food of the country."

"But one thing I am certain of. If this course is ever taken, and if the depression were to continue or to recur, it would be the signal for a state of things more dangerous and more disastrous than anything which has been seen in this country since the repeal of the corn law."

"A tax on food would mean a decline in wages—the same amount of money would have a smaller purchasing power."

"It would raise the price of every article produced in the United Kingdom, and it would indubitably bring about the loss of the gigantic export trade which the industry and energy of the country working under conditions of absolute freedom has been able to create."

Even the home rulers lay claim to Chamberlain. They point out that before his rupture with Gladstone he was pressing for a measure of self-government for Ireland, and was the confidant of Parnell and the inner circle of the Irish party.

That Chamberlain should turn himself politically inside out; that he should denounce everything he once advocated, and champion everything he once denounced, and still remain a power in public life—the greatest individual power in his own party—are proofs of the Napoleonic qualities of the man, of his miraculous personal force, but unfortunately such a life and career, unlike those of Gladstone, teach no moral lesson and furnish no generous inspiration for present or future times.

"BY-PRODUCT OF A SLAUGHTER-HOUSE."
The piny breezes of the northland would seem to be promotive of strong expression. The Cobalt Citizen has been examining Drs. Payne and Scott's new Fourth Reader. By quotation from a score or more of the lessons, it discovers a warp of gory imperialism running throughout the book from start to finish. "Aside entirely," it says, "from the political significance of the collection, blood for the very sake of blood seems to have enthralled the caprice of the compilers, and scenes of strife and suffering are furnished in endless succession to mark their indelible impressions on developing minds. . . . Pity the poor youngsters who are driven by the tyrant officers to the digestion of this by-product of a slaughter-house."

Our English correspondent wires today that Prof. Jebb may be defeated in Martletown in spite of the intercession of Hon. W. J. Hanna et al. The professor has no reason to thank the Canadian "bitters-in."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will introduce the Government's naval defence bill today. The public are curious to learn whether the Opposition's policy has been altered beyond recognition since last session.

The dictum of that pompous prig, Lord Curzon, that "all civilization has come from aristocracies," rules out the Saviour and his disciples, as British statesmen have reminded him. It is not only a misreading of history, but an insult to the masses. Yet no doubt there are liksapitules, even in Canada, who will endorse Curzon's sentiments.

Mr. Balfour pleads for the preservation of the hereditary principle in the House of Lords. If the hereditary peers had exhibited common sense, the question might have been postponed. But they signed their political death warrant when they raised the constitution by throwing out the budget. It is their own fault if it is their own funeral.

The new Socialistic leader of the Unionist party, Robert Balfour, advances the crazy argument that it is the business of Great Britain to defend France from attack by Germany. He says that Germany will first attack France, not Great Britain, and will permanently occupy French territory. And this nightmare is hailed by British politicians and newspapers as the vision of a true prophet!

The Rev. James B. Freeman, of Delaware, finds himself assailed by some of his temperance brethren for his abstention from the local option campaign in the township. Mr. Freeman believes the three-fifths clause is an injustice, and thinks there will be no hope of repealing it so long as the temperance workers countenance it. His position is analogous to that of the "passive resisters" of the school law in England. Whether this attitude is the most effective one or not, having regard to immediate results, there is no doubt that the temperance cohorts could frighten the Government into removing the three-fifths handicap if they were unanimous, and proved themselves to be in earnest. Mr. Freeman at least showed the courage of his convictions, and those who know him will not dispute his sincerity, or his orthodoxy on the temperance question.

WOMAN AND TIME.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
A woman thinks clocks were made for the purpose of enabling her to tell just how much she is going to be late.

LIVELY LAZARUSES.
[Puck.]
Starling Visitor—Gracious! What's that? Must be an earthquake! The plaster is falling.
Mild Mater—Oh, no! It's just the boys. Two of them are sick in bed today.

SUBJECTIVELY.
[Chicago Tribune.]
Barber—Do you wish a close shave, sir?
Customer—Yes, a close-mouthed shave, if you please.

AND FEW DIE.
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Public servants can be relied on more than private ones."
"How?"
"They never quit."

LIKE KIPLING.
[Kansas City Journal.]
"I'd like to be a big poet."
"What do you mean by a big poet?"
"Big enough to have a recent poem printed by the papers as news matter."

A PARISIAN STRATAGEM.
[London Chronicle.]
For artistic methods the Parisian beggar is hard to beat. One man recently arrested was in the habit of wandering through the streets followed at a considerable distance by a Newfoundland dog. On seeing a bone or a crust in the gutter he would dart on it feverishly,

and the dog would rush up and snatch it from him. A terrific struggle ensued, ending in the flight of the dog, bearing off the prize, while the man lay exhausted on the gutter in the easy to imagine how kind-hearted wayfarers, after assisting him to rise, would shower coins on a poor devil driven by poverty to fight so desperately for a meagre crust.

GENEALOGICAL.
[Pittsburgh Observer.]
She—How far can your ancestry be traced?
He—Well, when by grandfather resigned his position as cashier of a county bank they traced him as far as China, but he got away.

THE FUTURE STATESMAN.
[Kansas City Journal.]
"Harold!"
"Yes, papa?"
"What's this I hear. You say you won't go to bed?"
"Papa," replied the statesman's little boy, "if you heard anything like that, I have been misquoted."

WILLIE'S DEDUCTION.
[Exchange.]
Willie—I say, auntie, what did Uncle Bob marry you for?
Aunt—Why, for love, of course.
Willie—Love will make a man do almost anything, won't it, auntie?

IN ONE EMPLOYMENT 79 YEARS.
[London Globe.]
The death has just taken place at Lennoxton of Andrew Robertson, who it is stated held the record for the longest employment under the same firm in Scotland. He commenced work in 1820 as a boy to a calico block printer in the firm of R. Dalziel, Dalkeith & Co. He filled various posts during the course of 79 years, and latterly was a color mixer.

WANTED TO HELP.
[Puck.]
Misses (hurrying frantically)—Mary, what time is it now?
Maid—Half-past two, mum.
Misses—Oh I thought it was later; I still have twenty minutes to catch the stamper.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM.
[Exchange.]
According to Washington statistics, the investments for foreign capital in the United States total \$5,000,000,000, divided as follows: British, \$2,000,000,000; German, \$700,000,000; French, \$300,000,000.

IN THE OLD CHURCH.
[Exchange.]
"I should think this is a very old church, isn't it, auntie?" asked a little girl.
"Yes, dear—very," replied the aunt.
"It's a dear old church, isn't it?" asked the girl.
"What's it really as old as all that?"

AN ABLE ASSISTANT.
[Tit-Bits.]
Mrs. Brown—We're so glad to see you give all the scraps to the cat, Susan.
The New Treasurer—What I use, mum, is the good to the cat, and you may save off your washing up.

VALUE OF A REPUTATION.
[Newark Star.]
"What," exclaimed the astonished crowd, "this prisoner has admitted his guilt, and yet you find a verdict of not guilty?"
"If your honor please," explained the court clerk, "with due deference to you, this jury knows this man better than the court does. We have decided not to believe him under oath. We don't think he is guilty, even if he swears to it."

A LORD'S LAST RESOURCE.
[Montreal Herald.]
"If you abolish the House of Lords," warned one of the members thereof in a speech from the hustings, "I shall straightway hunt up a constituency and be a candidate for members of the House of Commons." The statement puts in the most inclusive form the whole argument for and against the abolition of the second chamber. If the ablest men in the House of Lords would go to the other chamber, who then in the House of Commons? If the Lords would do what they could to run the country anyhow, why not leave them where they are, instead of introducing their evil influence into the popular body? There is really the whole case, and both sides of it.

FEW, IF ANY.
[Toronto Star.]
A little licking now and then is polished by few older men.

NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE.
[Belleville Intelligencer.]
Hail's comet has not yet been seen with the naked eye in this vicinity, but one or two people who slipped this morning and bumped their heads saw something just as good.

UNSETTLED.
[Exchange.]
Skinner—Good morning, ma'am! Did you ever see anything so unsettled as the weather has been lately?
Mrs. Hasbly—Well, there's your board bill, Mr. Skinner.

ARTISTIC FROCK COATS.
[Tailor and Cutter.]
From the point of view of completeness of perfection in dress, the frock coat has no equal, studied from whatever standpoint you can conceive of in the realm of sartorial art.

A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE.
[New York Sun.]
Knicker—What do you suppose we shall do by 2100?
Bookee—We'll have so many canals we shall subsidize railroads.

PLEASURES OF DEBATE.
[Washington Star.]
"Mr. Meekton always agrees with his wife and lets her have the last word."
"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "that is where he made his mistake. The poor woman had to turn suffragette and get away from home in order to enjoy a real argument."

WHY HARRY LAUDER SINGS.
[Harry Lauder to Cincinnati Scots.]
I have heard a number of remarks here concerning the \$500 and \$800 Harry Lauder is earning per week. Now, gentlemen, I never sang for money in my life. I sing for the joy of singing, just as the shepherd on the heath breaks into song for the joy of it. I began by singing for half a crown, and in time I became a marketable article. It is you people who pay me the salary. "And," he added, "quaintly and cannily, I will not say I'm a warbler. I love song. I loved it when, as a braw lad, I worked down under the earth, 200 fathoms deep, amid the coal and the water and the darkness, going in before it was light in the morning, and coming out at darkness. I do not act, for the man who tries to act, gives too much at times of his own personality. Take of life as God gives it. Be natural."

Bargains in Housefurnishings
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SCOTLAND YARD HOLDS ON TO HALL
The Forger Who Posed as Choir Singer Will Get His Dues in England.
Windsor, Ont., Jan. 12.—Frank Hall, under arrest in London, England, for forging checks, is wanted here on a similar charge. Hall, who is a young Englishman, broke into Windsor church society as a choir singer last spring, and soon disappeared, after forging the name of one of his patrons to a check, which was cashed at a local store. Hall is wanted also in Toledo, Columbus, Detroit and more than a dozen other places in Ontario.
The Windsor police communicated with Scotland Yard detectives in an effort to have him returned here, but received the reply that the man would be first punished for his crooked actions in England.

BOROUGH OF BRONX HAS A CLEAN SWEEP
Tammany Adherents Sustain a Severe Shock—Scores Lose Fat Jobs.
New York, Jan. 11.—The cleanest sweep so far in any city department since the beginning of the new administration took place in the borough of the Bronx today. Shortly after Tammany circles had sustained a shock on learning that Park Commissioner Higgins had dropped 158 men from the park service in that borough, Borough President Miller of the Bronx, announced that he had received resignations from a dozen heads of borough departments and holders of important positions within his jurisdiction.
Nearly all were high salaried men, including the chief engineer at \$7,500 per annum, and superintendents of highways and buildings, and others, whose compensations ran from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each.
Borough President Miller was elected on the fusion ticket last November.

A HOLLAND LANDING FIRE
Father and Family Barely Escape With Their Lives.
Holland Landing, Jan. 11.—The residence of George McClure, a farmer in King Township, two miles from here, was entirely consumed by fire early this morning, with all its contents, Mr. McClure and family barely escaped with their lives. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been a defective pipe. The loss is fifteen hundred dollars, with some insurance.

STATUE OF LEW WALLACE
Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—In commemoration of his great services to his state and country a statue of Gen. Lew Wallace, soldier, author, and diplomat, has been placed in the capitol, thus marking another notable addition to the galaxy of great Americans whose effigies adorn Statuary Hall, Oliver P. Morton, war governor of Indiana, is the other citizen who has been honored by the Hoosier State in the same manner.
The unveiling was made the occasion of an imposing ceremony. Capt. John P. McGraw, who served as an officer in Gen. Wallace's command in the civil war, president of the Lew Wallace statue commission, presided, the figure being unveiled by Lew Wallace, jun., grandson of the general.
Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, accepted the statue on behalf of his state.
Bojo Milsavlevitch, of Garao, Serbia, has obtained a divorce from his wife, because she insisted on using only butter made by her mother.

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