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A DEBT OF HONOR.

No loyal Canadian when he reflects upon the past history of his country will deny indebtedness to the Motherland for her watchful care and protecting arm. Asking for no recompense nor reward, always prepared to fight her children's battles, glorying in their success and growing independence, no nation in history can compare with Great Britain in this respect. For more than 100 years this regard runs, and today Canada, the young nation rejoicing in her strength, is prepared to stand at the Mother Country's side in the coming struggle to retain the control of the sea, and to fight, should the call come, to maintain the supremacy of the Empire. "When the day of peril shall have arrived, the day for effective preparation may have passed," was the warning uttered by Mr. Borden in his speech last week at the dinner of the United Kingdom Branch of the Empire Federation Association. There can be no question that whatever duty may dictate Canada today is prepared to fulfill her national obligation.

Looking backward it is of interest to recall some of the events of history in which the Mother Country contributed to make Canada what she is. In 1759 England acquired by conquest that portion of Canada which had been colonized by the French making such concessions to the French colonists as have been made for ever in loyalty to the British Crown. The success of that policy was so marked that upon the conquest of the Dutch Republics similar concessions were made to the Dutch in South Africa.

In 1776 and up to 1789 the British troops defended Canada against the revolutionary armies of the United States. In 1812 British troops and the British navy again successfully defeated the invasion of Canada by the United States. In 1857 British troops put down the Paganini and Lyon Mackenzie rebellion, preventing an other effort by the United States to menace the country.

After the rebellion had been put down with a strong hand, Great Britain conceded responsible government to Canada, the model for future dealing with colonies the world over. In 1847 the British Government formally relinquished all claim to interfere in the country's local arrangements. In 1850 they relieved Canada from the operation of the British navigation laws, giving our shipping free commercial intercourse with foreign nations. In 1854 they negotiated a Reciprocity treaty with the United States so favorable to Canada that at the first opportunity the United States abrogated the treaty with the idea of starving Canada into annexation.

In 1861 a British army of 25,000 men was sent to Canada to defend the country from a possible invasion, the United States having fired on the British flag. They were soon glad to apologize and make restitution. In 1867 the British Government passed the British North America Act, giving Canada control of her destiny, withdrew their troops and placed Canada upon her feet as an independent nation. From that day to this the strong arm of the Mother Country has been ready at all times to enforce, if need be, the rights of the Canadian people.

Referring to the present trend of events the Toronto Mail and Empire well sums up the situation. It says: "What Canadian will deny that his country owes it to Britain to render her substantial help now, without barter, gain or stipulation? How can we ever repay her for the fostering care, for the naval protection under which our country grew through the days of its tender and helpless youth to its present power and wealth? On the high seas and in foreign ports our persons and our merchandise have been safe no less in times when our ocean traffic was small than now, when it has a value of hundreds of millions of dollars a year."

"Foreign nations might be at war as were Russia and Japan, as were Spain and the United States, as were Turkey and Italy, but Canada's property afloat and on land was not interfered with. How has it fared with nations who had no navy of their own, or were not under the wing of a powerful naval state? China has had one slice of maritime territory after another grabbed by various civilized powers, and Manchuria and Mongolia are being seized as spoils by her neighbors. Today Turkey is being stripped of its islands by Italy, which is striving to get control of Tripoli."

"If Canada had been left to herself she would not have been allowed to become the nation she is today. Rapacious powers would have taken advantage of the weakness of the various provinces and appropriated them long before the time of Confederation. Under the shield of Britannia Canada grew to her present great estate, when she can well afford to make some tangible acknowledgment of the debt of gratitude she owes. Nor would the rendering of present large assistance for the strengthening of the British navy be alone the paying of an instalment of a debt of gratitude. It would be adding to the security for the country's continuance in its state of unimpaired progress."

"More freely than the British gave to Frederick the Great to aid him in his mighty struggle with the people of Canada give to Britain to maintain her primacy on the sea. Thirty million dollars, or forty million dollars, would be handed over with good-will by the Canadian people to increase the odds in favor of the Mother Country."

CURIOSITIES OF THE ST. JOHN CENSUS.

According to the official census of 1911 the city of St. John has a population of 42,511, which is an increase of 1,800 over 1901. The population of the County of St. John, including the city, according to the same authority, was 52,572 in 1911 and 51,759 in 1901, an increase of 1,813. If these figures are correct the increase in the County of St. John outside the city was only 22. The census furnishes the astounding information that although there was a gain of 496 families in the city and county of St. John in the last decade this increase was crowded into 787 fewer houses; for it is stated that there were 8,298 houses in this county in 1901 and only 7,511 in 1911. However, correct the other figures of the census may be these are unquestionably wrong in one year or the other, as there is evidence on every hand that there was a large increase in the number of buildings in the ten years elapsing between 1901 and 1911. And if the enumerators missed this evidence of growth there is a strong presumption that they also missed the people who lived in these houses as well. The general impression prevailing among those who are well informed about the progress of the city is that the actual increase in population was not much less than 3,000 and, perhaps, more, and the fact that so many

houses were missed by enumerators would go far to prove the correctness of the estimate. The official figures of the census of the different wards and parishes of the city and county for 1901 and 1911 are as follows:

District.	1911.	1901.
Lancaster	5,886	5,278
Musquash	660	741
St. Martin	1,637	1,957
Simonds	2,878	3,072
Brooks Ward	1,676	1,574
Dukes Ward	2,579	3,048
Dufferin Ward	4,022	4,100
Guy's Ward	2,999	2,590
King's Ward	2,023	2,364
Landsdowne Ward	4,614	4,278
Lorne Ward	4,229	3,256
Prince Ward	4,850	4,760
Queens Ward	3,409	3,571
Stanley Ward	1,155	905
Sydney Ward	2,414	2,286
Victoria Ward	3,659	3,263
Wellington Ward	4,567	4,450
Totals	52,572	51,759

These figures show that there was an increase of 608 in the population of Lancaster, which was counterbalanced by decreases amounting to 81 in Musquash, 320 in St. Martin and 194 in Simonds, a total of 595, leaving the net gain of the parishes at 13, which to say the least was disappointing. While no great growth was expected in the Eastern end of the county it was thought that Simonds was more than holding its own. So far as the different divisions of the city are concerned the figures show that Carleton has increased 245 in population; the North End 1,877, while the old city wards on the East Side of the harbor have lost 322, which reduces the net gain to 1,800. What will strike most people as the most amazing thing in connection with these figures is that more than half of the total increase has taken place in Lorne ward, the gain there being 973.

It is rather unfortunate that no civic census is taken in St. John, and that there are no effective means of checking the work done by the Dominion enumerators. The only figures available are those gathered for the assessors every year and they relate only to taxpayers. But incomplete and unsatisfactory as they are, they go a long way to prove that the census of 1911 is far from being a correct enumeration of this city. According to the figures in the Assessors Office there were 9,892 ratepayers in St. John in 1901 and 11,115 in 1911, an increase in the ten years of 1,223, which ought to mean at least double that number more inhabitants, as each ratepayer is 21 years of age or over, and at least 50 per cent. of them should be married and have children. The number of ratepayers in each ward in the years mentioned was as follows:

Wards.	1901	1911
Guy's	624	762
Brooks	560	485
Sydney	553	635
Dukes	710	813
Queens	380	921
Wellington	654	632
Wellington	1,108	1,111
Prince	1,124	1,372
Victoria	784	869
Dufferin	976	1,112
Landsdowne	991	1,081
Lorne	911	1,063
Stanley	227	265
Totals	9,892	11,115

A perusal of this statement will show that while the census figures exhibit a falling off in the population in four of the thirteen wards, the assessment shows a decline only in King's ward, which is accounted for by the encroachment of business into what was formerly a residential section. King's ward is the only ward where the census enumerators and the officials of the Assessors Office agree.

The following tables show the gains and losses of the census and the assessors' returns during the past ten years:

	Census		City	
	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.
Ward.	108	108		
Brooks	107	107		
Guy's	143	129		
Sydney	128	82		
Dukes	169	103		
Queens	162	51		
Kings	326	22		
Wellington	117	103		
Prince	90	248		
Victoria	396	86		
Dufferin	336	78		
Landsdowne	336	99		
Lorne	973	152		
Stanley	250	28		
Totals	3,635	735	1,335	22

Summary.	City.
Gain in 9 wards.....2,535	Gain in 12 wards .. 1,335
Loss in 4 wards.....725	Loss in 1 ward .. 22
Net gain.....1,810	Net gain .. 1,313

A rapid perusal of these figures will show that the law of general averages cannot be applied to them. For instance, Guy's ward has 109 more ratepayers and only 143 more in population, while Lorne ward with an increase of 152 voters increased 973 in population. Stanley Ward with an increase of 38 voters had 250 more people. Race suicide will be strongly suspected in Duke's Ward particularly, and to a lesser extent in Queens. In Dukes there were 103 more voters and 169 fewer people. In Queens the voters increased 51 and the population decreased 162. The people of St. John have certainly a just complaint against the census of 1911. Beyond any doubt it is, to say the least, inaccurate, and the volume just issued by the Census Commissioner from which the figures are taken is convincing evidence to this effect.

Current Comment

(Kingston Standard.)
In Kansas the farmers are offering high wages, short hours, no chores, fried-chicken dinners and auto rides as inducements to men to work in the fields; and finally one farmer announced that there were plenty of good-looking girls in his county waiting for husbands. This is no joke either, for so scarce is farm help in the Western States that many of the crops will rot in the ground before they can be harvested. What is the remedy?

(Detroit News.)
That odor you notice when the wind is in the East comes from the New York police department.

(Richmond Dispatch.)
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THE ST. JOHN COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The annual prize meeting of the St. John County Rifle Association was held on the ranges on Saturday with the worst shooting conditions of the season, very heavy showers at times almost shutting out the targets, especially at 600 yards. Notwithstanding this the Corporation cup was won with the record score of 99.

The following were prize winners: 200 500 600 Yds.

Corp. E. T. Gladwin 62nd. Regt. Cup and P. R. A. medal 32 35 32 99

Herman Sullivan, City Rifle Club, 34 32 32 98

Capt. Jas. Manning, R. O. 34 32 32 98

Col. Sgt. Jas. Downey, 62nd. 32 34 31 98

Pt. E. G. Jones, 62nd. 32 34 31 98

A. G. Staples, City Rifle Club, 32 32 32 94

L. O. Bentley, City Rifle Club, 32 31 30 93

Sgt. S. L. Day, 62nd. 31 27 33 91

Sgt. A. S. McIntosh, 3rd R. C. A. 31 28 32 91

Sgt. J. G. Sullivan, C. O. 31 28 30 91

Tyro Prizes.
Pt. P. W. Ashton, 29 35 24 88

Lce. Corp. C. Fish, 62nd. 29 33 25 87

Gr. H. D. Lockhart, 26 29 31 86

Sgt. A. Bentley, C. O. 31 26 29 86

J. J. Plunkerton, City Rifle Club, 31 27 29 85

WESTFIELD VICTORIOUS.

There was a hard fought tennis match at Hampton Saturday afternoon between Westfield and Hampton, with the result that Westfield won by a score of 148 to 142.

MAY ROBSON COMING FOR A WHOLE WEEK

Will Present "A Night Out" and "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" in the Opera House.



MAY ROBSON.

"A Night Out" is the title of May Robson's new comedy, of which she is co-author with C. T. Dazey. The character selected is that of a lovable but eccentric old woman, an old fashioned grandma, whose generous nature and quaint characteristics involve her in many complications. Miss Robson will assume the rôle of Gramam.

The play will be seen at the Opera House for an entire week beginning on Monday, Aug. 6th, excepting Wednesday and Friday nights, when Miss Robson will present "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" on the occasion of her last visit here three years ago.

The News in Short Meter

LOCAL.

Left For Petawawa.

The detachment from the 3rd Regiment of C. H. A., consisting of 75 men, left for Petawawa on Saturday night for the annual period of training. Capt. McGowan, of No. 5 battery, was in command.

Longshoreman Injured.

Thomas Sharkey, of Erin street, was injured while at work on the steamer Macdonald Exchange at Long Wharf, on Saturday. He was removing a cover from a hatch when it swung and struck him, inflicting a long deep wound on the top of his head. Dr. Lunney rendered medical assistance and was obliged to take nine stitches in the wound.

Vital Statistics.

Eight marriages, eighteen births, including eleven girl babies and seven boys, and eleven deaths were reported to the authorities last week.

PROVINCIAL.

Fredericton, July 27.—At the education office this morning the list of names of media offered by Lieut. Gov. Wood in high school entrance examinations throughout the province, was announced. The leader in the province is Miss Eleanor Boyce, a student attending St. Peter's school, St. John, North End, who was the only one with examinations to make marks over 900. Miss Boyce is a daughter of John E. Boyce, Chesley street.

GENERAL.

Lobster Season Extended.

Ottawa, July 27.—The season for lobster fishing on part of the coastline of Northumberland county from the Shock Fish river to Cape Tormentine will be extended for ten days from August 11. The reason for the extension is that the weather has been so rough that the fishermen were unable to go out.

Buildings at Pt. Tupper for I. C. R.

Ottawa, Ont., July 27.—The Dominion government is about to undertake the building of an engine house and annex for the I. C. R. at Point Tupper, N. S. The lowest tender for the work is for \$41,000 and is by Messrs. Morrison and Clarke, of Summerside, P. E. I. They probably will get the work.

Propaganda Platform.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 27.—The "Confession of Faith" of Colonel Roosevelt is now down in black and white. When he has completed the recital of his doctrines in Chicago on the night of August 5 he probably will be called socialist or anarchist and may be both, he said last night. But he insisted that the measures he advocated must come. "They are corrective to socialism and an antidote to anarchy," he declared.

Railway Accident.

Quebec, July 27.—In a wreck yesterday afternoon on the I. C. R. at St. Coeur, near Rimouski, the accommodation train leaving for Rimouski was struck in the rear by a fast freight special, the engineer not noticing the signal to stop, on account of the heavy fog. The engineer and fireman escaped, Louis Belisle, son of Remi Belisle, of St. Fabien, was instantly killed. Several others were injured.

Will Decrease Debt.

Ottawa, July 27.—The funded indebtedness of the Dominion is about to undergo a reduction. In 1907, the panic year, Hon. W. S. Fielding had

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Eleanor L. Stevens.

The many friends of Mrs. Eleanor L. Stevens, wife of Garfield H. Stevens of this city, will regret to learn of her death which occurred on Saturday, July 27, after a lingering illness, at the residence of Chas. F. Stevens, 172 Adelaide street. Mrs. Stevens was the daughter of the late Thomas Panjov, and leaves besides a sorrowing husband, four brothers and two sisters. The brothers are: Howard J. of Malden, Mass.; Fred T. of Groton, Conn.; Chas. E. of

Slivia, Ill., and D. Hartly, of Edmonton, Alta. The sisters, Mrs. John H. Erb and Miss Dot Panjov, of this city. The funeral will be held from the Mission Church, Paradise Row, at 7 o'clock Monday morning. Interment at Brown's Flats.

C. P. R. Man Visiting City.

W. Arundal, of Toronto, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, arrived in the city yesterday morning in his private car attached to the Montreal train. Mr. Arundal is general superintendent of the Ontario division of the C. P. R. To The Standard last evening he said that his visit here is in the nature of a pleasure trip. He has heard much of the climate of New Brunswick and decided to spend a part of his vacation in this province. This is his first visit to the province, but he said that by hearsay he is already quite familiar with the country, having heard the Maritime Province lauded as far west as Vancouver. He expects to remain in the city for a few days.

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