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THE CENSUS.

Next Wednesday, the census of the Dominion will be taken. The success of the census depends largely upon the co-operation of the people. Without the cordial assistance of individual citizens a thorough census will be impossible. The fundamental reason for the Canadian census is to determine the representation in the Federal Parliament. The B. N. A. Act gives the Province of Quebec a fixed number of seats, 65, and the number assigned to the other provinces is proportional. It can be readily seen, then, that a careful and full census is necessary, as upon its result will depend the representation of Ontario, Western Ontario and London.

Following the 1871 census Ontario was assigned 85 members. In 1881 this was increased to 92. Since then Quebec has been steadily gaining on Ontario in population. After 1891 the Ontario membership was cut to 86, and following the 1911 census to 82. There have been predictions that Quebec's population has grown so rapidly in the past 10 years that Ontario's representation will drop to 75. It is thus essential that every man, woman and child should be tabulated.

Census-taking dates from the dawn of civilization, according to the London Free Press. Moses numbered the children of Israel. The law-giver also took a census in the sixth century. B. C. The Romans were assiduous census-takers, both under the republic and the empire. The Brevari of Charlemagne, A. D. 808, and the Doomsday Book of William the Conqueror, A. D. 1086, are celebrated medieval censuses. Later the census disappeared from Europe.

It may not be generally known that the credit of taking the first census of modern times belongs to Canada. The year was 1666; the census was one of the colony of New France. It was a systematic enumeration of the people and showed a population of only 2,215. This initial Canadian census was repeated several times during the French regime, after which a series of less elaborate investigations by successive colonial governors took place. The first legislation on the subject was an act of the united provinces, dated 1847. Under it a census of Upper and Lower Canada was taken in 1851 and again in 1861. At Confederation the B. N. A. Act specifically mentioned "the census and statistics" as falling within the Dominion as distinguished from provincial jurisdiction. The first Dominion Census Act was passed in 1870 and the first census thereunder in 1871. Since then there has been a complete census every 10 years.

Originally the census was no more than a means of mustering men for foreign wars and of enabling kings and oligarchs to tax their subjects. So far as we are removed from this conception that it is now expressly forbidden to use census data for any such purpose. While the main legal reason for Canada's census is to determine the representation in our Federal Parliament, yet the census has far wider uses. It constitutes, in fact, under the modern system, something less than a great periodical stock-taking of the Canadian people, down to show from the widest angle the point that has been reached in the general progress of the nation. Even if the census did not go beyond the enumeration of the people, their age, occupation, origin, language, education, etc., it would be worth while. Linked with the data secured on the agricultural and industrial development of the country it rounds out the scheme of information by which, as by a chart, the Government directs the national affairs. Without the census, it is little truth to say that legislation and administration would be largely carried on in the dark, and there would be no means of knowing whether the country was on the road to success or disaster.

So help the census-taker when he arrives. His questions may appear in some foolish and even impertinent, but they are in the national interest.

THE RESULT IN ULSTER

The result of the elections for the new Northern Parliament is that out of a House of fifty-five members, there will be over forty Unionists, the balance being made up of Sinn Féiners and Nationalists, whatever the difference may be between these two. Under ordinary circumstances this should give the Unionists a very comfortable majority with which to carry on the government of the northern province; but what success they will have, remains to be seen. There is sufficient Sinn Féin element loose in the district to cause quite a lot of trouble. The refusal of the Sinn Féin and Nationalist members of the new House to take the oath of allegiance will simply prevent them taking their

seats; there will be enough Loyalists without them to carry on.

The next thing will be the election of the Senate for Northern Ireland. This will be done by the selection of twenty-four members by the newly elected House of Commons, and in addition, the Lord Mayor of Belfast and the Mayor of Londonderry will be ex-officio members. The new Parliament will officially come into existence on 2nd August next, though the date may be changed by Order-in-Council.

As for Southern Ireland, the attempt to call together a Parliament seems to have resulted in more or less of a fiasco. No attempt was made by the Sinn Féin or Nationalist party to elect members; and it is very certain that any Parliament otherwise elected will be entirely ignored by them. Bad as conditions in Southern Ireland are at present, it is to be feared that they will get no better at present. The British Government has gone a long way to meet these Self-Determination agitators, with no success so far; and it cannot reasonably be expected that it will continue to hold out the olive-branch to a faction which seems to take notice of it. Ireland is offered the same autonomy as Canada enjoys; if she will not accept this, she should get nothing.

THE NORTH END

Complaints have reached The Standard regarding the lack of police patrol and supervision along Douglas Avenue, as a result of which conditions are most unpleasant for residents. Bicycle riding on the sidewalks has become such a nuisance that pedestrians are practically compelled to take to the road; out of a dozen or fifteen seats in the public garden, there are not more than three or four that have not been more or less broken up; private gardens adjoining the Avenue are entered and the shrubs and trees rooted up and destroyed; in fact it is represented to us that with one thing and another, life is scarcely worth living in that district as conditions are. Moreover, it is further alleged that the fire protection system for residents along the Avenue is altogether inadequate. There is no fire station nearer than Adelaide Street, and even there the fire fighting apparatus is inadequate for anything but very minor requirements and in addition to this it is claimed that this apparatus is frequently fetched away to fight fires in other parts of the City, thus leaving that district without protection for the time being. It is claimed that as the Adelaide Street station has to serve practically the whole of the North End, there should be a motor engine kept there, which could get round quickly. Our correspondent is a prominent citizen who knows whereof he speaks and it certainly seems as if it were time conditions were changed.

LOOKS LIKE SINN FEIN

The Ontario branch of the organization known as the Daughters of Canada, which occupies in relation to this country pretty much the same position as the Sinn Féin does in Ireland, has passed a series of resolutions which in effect call for the practical separation of Canada from the British Empire. They do not say this in so many words, but they want the Governor-General to be nominated by the Canadian Parliament; they want all right of appeal to the Imperial Privy Council cut off; they want Canada to have full power to formulate her own foreign policies and to deal with foreign nations through her own ambassadors, and that Canada shall keep clear of all European matters. This means that Canada is to become in effect a Republic, free and clear of all British connections. It is pretty hard for the average Canadian who does any thinking for himself to see just where Canada would benefit if the Sinn Féin sentiments of these Daughters of Canada were to be put into effect. Canada has all the autonomy and freedom of government as things are that she needs, combined with the knowledge that she has the protecting arm of Britain to fall back on should occasion ever require. It may be said that she is never likely to need this protection; but there is no knowing what might happen were Canada to start out "on her own"—and if ever trouble did arise, it would be of little use to look to the Daughters of Canada for help. They belong to the "Slacker" class.

MISQUOTED MAXIMS

(Covering Current Events)
(Quebec Chronicle)
A half-truth is worse than a plain lie.
One touch of cruther makes the old world spin.
On with the jazz, let no one be

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Confidence is General.
Germans pin their faith to "British fair play." That's what the world does, though some nations live to fire a royal salute of bricks at the British lion.—Toronto Telegram.

Planting a Tree.
"Only God can make a tree," said the poet. But almost anyone can plant a tree, and everyone who plants a tree of the right sort in the right place does a public service.

All in the Same Game.
What is happening is that everybody who can is doing as little work as is compatible with getting results. The public generally is taking life more easily than its forerunners took it. Whether the change involves an economic loss is a question for argument. But at any rate, labor, so-called, is acting no worse than the rest of society. All are tarred with the same stick, and if the indictment holds for one it holds for the other.—New York World.

Principal Taylor's Timely Reminder.
Perhaps the most significant of the many significant remarks made by Principal Bruce Taylor in his inspiring and illuminating address before the Kiwanis Club yesterday was the statement that if only labor costs and the prices of certain materials, notably cement, would come down even a very little the building programme planned by Queen's University and involving \$1,000,000 would be begun with little or no delay.

As it is, labor costs are today a serious obstacle in the way of new construction—a fact amply borne out by the almost stagnant condition in the building trades today not only in Kingston and throughout Canada, but in the United States as well. It is not a local condition, by any means, but a general one, and will not be remedied except in the way suggested by the Principal.—Kingston Standard.

Ways That Are Dark.
A new Brunswick newspaper is carrying the flaring advertisement of a Montreal dealer in Montreal which reads as follows:
"Since the Quebec Commission have taken over our complete stock and warehouses in Montreal we have established ourselves at — Street, Ottawa, and are prepared to fill orders from New Brunswick from our Ottawa establishment. Catalogue and prices sent on application."
A cat is supposed to have nine lives but John Barleycorn appears to have at least a hundred. But what has poison Otto to say to Ottawa being a distributing point for the demon rum in this unseemly manner? It is a good thing that Hull is so near at hand, for it would be necessary to place a military guard on this "establishment" to prevent raids upon its sinful but seductive wares.

A BIT OF VERSE

BEFORE THE CITY WAS.
When the world with dusk is drowsy,
and the city lights flare out,
Like yellowed flowers against the gray,
Then when beauty stoops to cover
garish street and building over
And the earth and sky are sleepy
as the day—
Do they dream, the earth beneath us
and the misty sky above,
Of the time when once our paven
city was
We're but wood and field and forest,
where the dryads danced and
the woody sweep perfuming
And there was not a clamor in
the days?
Do they dream and hear the sighing
of old trees that long are moist?
Do they hear the singing sound of
little brooks?
Do they scent again the blooming
and the sweet perfume of
Of hidden flowers in quiet, leaf-
bound nooks?
Perhaps they see the wraiths of birds
and wild things scurry by,
Perhaps the sky may dream the
touch again
Of delicate tree-fingers, whose gentle
pressure lingers
Remembered as the touch of love and
pain.
Oh, earth and sky are verities, and all
the lies between
Is space whose trimming once was
fine and fair.
There was green along the byways
are changed to paven high-
ways.
And there once was breath of Spring
upon the air,
When the earth with dusk is drowsy,
and the earth is covered up
With a misty mantle tremulous
and deep,
Then I'm sure they're dreaming,
dreaming, that the city's just
a seeming—
And the forest whispers to them as
they sleep!
—Hilda Morris, in New York Times.

DID YOU KNOW?

Chloroform has been in use since 1841.
Cocaine as an anesthetic was first used in 1855.
Carbolic acid was added to the list of chemicals in 1884.
The first charge of dynamite, as the explosive is now known, was prepared in 1868.
The first wireless message was transmitted across the Atlantic in December, 1902.
The first airplane made a successful flight in 1903 and the first airplane made successful flights four years later.
Paint pot never made fair lady.
A friend in need is hard to find.
Two's company, three's a scandal.
All the world does a sucker.
Venet was willing but the secret wouldn't keep.
Wild oats are sown by a rake and reaped by a grass widow.
Matches are struck in Heaven but the Divorce Court puts them out.
Flattery is the surest form of persuasion.
Clothes make the man, and hose appear to make the woman.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE PARK AVENUE NEWS.
Weather. Still Spring.
Ester! Ester! Some bald headed man hat blew off last Saturday and Sunday saved him from catching a lead cold by chasing it 2 blocks and bringing it back to him, but all the bald headed men did was thank him without even looking to see how much change he had, and Sid says if it ever happens again he will leave him stand there till he catches bald headed newmonia.

Sports. When Sam Cross gets enough money saved up he is going to buy a byrickle and he expects to start saving any day now.

Interesting Fucks About Intriguing People. Ed Wernick says all the sleep he needs is about 4 or 5 hours every night, and the only reason he don't get up about 5 o'clock every morning is because nobody wakes him up.

Pome By Skinny Martin.
DIFFERENT NATURES.
A dog is pleased when he wags his tale
And some dogs wag everything.
But its a sine there danger coming
When a bee starts to wag its sting.

Simsity. Miss Lorette Mincer is slightly neck need, but it don't interfere with her health eny.
Lost and Found. Nelther.

THE LAUGH LINE

The love of money is the root of all industry.
Every season has its poets. In just a little while somebody will be saying that it isn't the heat, but the humidity.

The idea of making milk without cows isn't original with Ford. The Swiss goat knows all about it.

Proof.
"Her complexion is real."
"Are you sure?"
"Of course. See how slow she is."—Detroit Free Press.

As Husbands Do.
"When does your husband find time to do all his reading?"
"Usually when I want to tell him something important."—Boston Transcript.

Words Are Softer.
"What we want is action instead of words."
"Not always," replied the umpire. "I much prefer a man who yells at me to one who throws a pop-bottle."—Washington Star.

The Cultured Life.
Mrs. A.—Your expression lately has been so peculiar. It's almost weird. What's the matter?
Mrs. B.—I've had my portrait painted by one of those impressionists and I am trying to look like it.

Not So Far Off.
Wife—I had to laugh! Mrs. New-ruch, in telling me about her new home, spoke of the spiral stairway.
Hub—Perhaps she referred to her backstairs.

The Average Speaker's Idea.
"Your speech at the club last night was altogether too long," said his candid friend. "You really didn't have anything to say."
"I know," he replied, "but I hoped that if I kept on talking I might think of something."

A Silver Lining.
"Troubled with corns, are ye, Mike?"
"Yis."
"Where are they?"
"On the soles of my feet."
"Well, ye have one consolation. Nobody can stand on them but yerself."

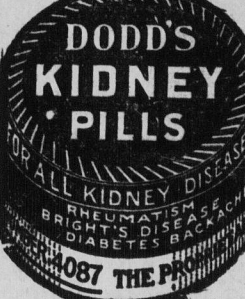
Quick Learner.
Friend—I understand you took your son into your establishment a few months ago to teach him the business. How did it turn out?
Business Man (wearily)—Great success! He's teaching me now.

Necessary.
The Brown named their baby after Julius Caesar?
"Why, the crazy idea! What did they do that for?"
"Because he was born too late for them to name him after him."—The American Legion Weekly.

Cramped.
"Nervous Man—What's the matter with you? You keep trying to run this elevator through the roof."
Elevator Boy (fresh from New York)—Sorry, sir. You see I'm not used to those little fourteen-story buildings.—Boston Transcript.

Last Resort.
"Go to the saint, thou sluggard!"
He went—he would give him no more;
So he had to go to his uncle
Where oft he had been before.
—Boston Transcript.

If She's An Average Woman.
A Boston policeman carries her badge in her purse, a situation that must cause no end of confusion when a prisoner-to-be doubts the lady's authority and demands that she show her badge.—Buffalo Express.



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