TORONTO'S POPULATION.

Is it 170,000 or 140,000?—The Increase the Special Census Shows.

The Census Committee of the City Council held a short meeting yesterday afternoon. Ald. Dodds presided, there being present besides, Ald. Swait, Galbraith, and Shaw. The Chairman stated that the special census taken had shown in boarding-houses alone a difference of 3½ per cent. over the assessors' returns, and on residential streets a difference of 7 per cent. It was his opinion that the population of the city would foot up fully 170,000 as against the assessment returns of 140,000. He would recommend that the test be continued, business streets this time being taken in. In answer to Ald. Shaw, the Chairman stated that the cost of the test did not exceed $30. It was resolved to ask for $50 more to continue the test.

Her Answer.

Viola, the "Flying Queen," ascended in a balloon to a considerable height, and then descend in a parachute, landing in safety in the suburbs of a little town near Dayton, O. She was soon surrounded by an admiring crowd and was asked many questions, running something like this;

"Was you nervous?"
"What if you had hit in the river?"
"Are you hurt?"
"Did you come down?"
"How high was you?"
"Why didn't you go up higher?"
"Oh, dear! how can you do it?"
"What if you had turned upside down?"
"Did you feel like jumping?"
"Is this the first time?"
"S'poses you'd been killed, then what?"
"Was it nice?"
"How'd we look from up there?"
"Wher'd you think you was?"
"How many weeks could you stay up?"
And all she said was: "I wish to gracious that wagon would come!"

In The Night.

Just in the edge of dreamland,
The darkness opened wide;
A gate swung slowly outward,
I caught a glimpse insip.

There was a gray veined pavement,
And figures white and cool—
Tall, graceful marble women—
Stood in a vestibule.

Their long stone locks hung, curling,
On shoulders deadly still;
But in their hands were blossoms
That gave my heart a thrill.

For they were calla lillies,
And each broad leaf, unrolle,
Held, in its fair white sweetness,
A spike of living gold.

The air was full of witness—
It was not star nor sun—
It seemed no earth touch brightness,
But light and life in one.

No sound in that white stillness
My list'ning pulses heard,
But marble fold and tresses
Were by the soft light stirred.

The gate swung slowly inward,
The darkness rose between,
No sleep had touched my eyelids,
What was it I had seen?

Were those the foolish virgins,
That stood outside the gate?
Those wall rings down the ages,
"Too late! alas! too late!"

Whose lamps had turned to lillies,
With spikes of living gold;
What was this strange sweet shining,
That thrilled the marble cold?

It must have been a vision
That filled me with surprise,
How could I see in dreamland
Till sleep had touched my eyes?

A Pearl That is Lost in the Sea.

Fanny Russell.

Why mourn for the hours that have vanished.
Why grieve for the things that are lost?
Why weep for the flowers of summer
That lie neath the cold winter's frost?
Can we make time stand still or turn backward,
Or revive the dead rose on the lea?
We might just as well try as go searching
For a pearl that is lost in the sea!

Why cherish a dream that is ended?
Why look down the vista of years,
But to suffer a long-buried sorrow
To open the wound with new tears?
It is over;—forget it. As useless
(No matter how anxious we be)
To try to go back, as recover
A pearl that is lost in the sea!

Why burden to-day with regretting
What might have been, had we but known?
Why long for the much beloved music
After the sweet singer has flown?
Will all the regrets and the longings
Avail against Fate's stern decree?
Ah, no—for the Past and its chances
Are as pearls that are lost in the sea!

Why waste precious moments in thinking
Of scenes that were beautiful then?
Why linger o'er graves that hold treasures
That ne'er will be with us again?
Why wish for our youth and its gladness
When from sorrow and care we were free?
'Tis gone from our grasp—gone forever,
As a pearl that is lost in the sea!

Draughts.

Mr. James Labadie, of Chatham, Ont., and ex-champion of Canada, intends to re-enter the checker field with a friendly contest at draughts of 50 games, to take place at Chatham, with Mr. H. Le Vasseur, the well known amateur of that city. In two previous contests, some years ago, the scores were:

Labadie.....31 Le Vasseur...0 Drawn 19 games
Labadie.....36 Le Vasseur...2 Drawn 15 games

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