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ENORMOUS INCREASE IN NATIONAL DEBTS

Have Increased From \$2,500,000,000 in
1793 to \$31,000,000,000 in 1900.

Washington, May 2.—The recent announcement of new British loan of \$300,000,000 lends interest to a statement just issued by the treasury bureau of statistics regarding the national debts of the world. This statement shows, in brief, that the national debts of the world aggregated more than \$30,000,000,000 at the close of the nineteenth century, or ten times as much as in the closing years of the eighteenth century. In 1793, at the beginning of the Napoleonic wars, the national debts of the world amounted to approximately \$2,500,000,000. In 1899 they were, according to the best information obtainable, \$10,000,000,000. In general terms it may be said that the world's national indebtedness in 1900 aggregated ten times what it did at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Meantime population has increased 150 per cent, and gold and silver, which form the basis of the money with which debt payments are made, 300 per cent, which with the utilization of the various forms of credit as currency, may have increased the world's circulating medium quite in proportion to the increase in national debts. This enormous increase in national indebtedness is chiefly the result of wars, standing armies and works of public utility. To this may be added a tendency in many cases to create an annual deficit by expenditures exceeding revenue made in deference to popular demand, which deficits ultimately take the form of funded or bonded indebtedness. But the bulk of these enormous debts is from war and war preparations and the construction of public works, such as railways, canals, harbors and the improvement of waterways. Of the railways of the world, whose total cost has been estimated at \$30,000,000,000, about one-third are owned by national governments, indicating that indebtedness has been applied to works of this character. But the fact that great wars have compelled the nations engaged in them to make enormous additions to their funded indebtedness clearly identifies this as the principal factor in the great increase in national indebtedness which has characterized the history of national finances in the nineteenth century.

STRATHROY.

[J. D. Meekison, Advertiser Agent.]
Strathroy, May 2.—The Conservatives will meet in the club rooms this (Thursday) evening to elect delegates to attend the convention to be held at Mount Brydges on May 10.
Rev. J. R. Hall, M.A., of Sarula, will conduct the pre-communion service in St. Andrew's Church next Friday evening. On the following Sunday the Rev. Mr. Knox the pastor.

AUTOMOBILES' GROWTH IN POPULARITY.

The Strong Existing Demand and Indications for the Future.

Will the Auto Supersede Other Vehicles of Locomotion—Its Various Uses.

The establishment in this city of the Canadian Steam Company's automobile factory brings attention to an industry that is still in its initiatory stage, but is destined to be to the coming years even more than the bicycle has been to the past decade. When the bicycle was first put upon the market it was possible for the rich alone to enjoy it, but the constant improvements in manufacture brought a change in its cost, and it speedily rose in public favor until it had all but supplanted the horse as a mode of private locomotion. The rapidity with which it grew to be considered an absolute necessity is now a matter of history. Men who are constantly watching the trend of public affairs have written that the automobile will rise similarly in the public estimation, and indeed it does not need a minute study of the situation as it is today to appreciate the truth of their statements. The remarkable thing about it is that the auto was not used years ago. A recent writer says:

"Steam as a motor-fluid has been known in the automobile world for many years. It was employed in an automobile construction, in fact, by the French inventor, Cugnot, more than a century ago, and his machine, still preserved in good order, at the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers at Paris, where it has been a number of times inspected by the writer, is a rather remarkable piece of work of good work, for that time. Seventy years ago the steam automobile was in extensive use in London and elsewhere in Great Britain, and very successfully, both as a matter of construction and commercially, until shut out by deliberately framed adverse legislation, in the interests of the stage-coach and toll-roads proprietors. It was found applicable to long and to short routes, to heavy and to light work, to every variety of road-surface and gradient."

It is the variety of uses to which it may be put that assures the value of the automobile and makes more certain its ultimate conquest of horse vehicles and even bicycles. It will be the road wagon of the future, the private carriage, and will be used by the business world in a multiplicity of ways. Its usefulness in various fields has already been tested, and it is now finding employment in many departments of life. It has been said that the automobile "must be comfortable, stylish, easy in manipulation, safe, economical, adaptable to long as well as short routes, speedy enough to compete with the equine motor, and capable of finding all essential supplies along any common highway in any part of the country."

The automobile now manufactured fulfills these requirements. That a demand for it exists, and will grow stronger, is unquestioned.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Live Items Culled for Busy People's Information.

What Men and Women Are Doing and Saying in Various Parts of the Garden of Canada.

There are no empty houses in Mitchell, Chatham is to have a \$10,000 separate school.

An active committee is preparing for a big day in Stratford on May 24 next. Mrs. Kenneth McLean, relict of the late Kenneth McLean, of Alboro, died early Sunday morning at Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Bowlin left Wednesday for England. There is a possibility that they will take up their home there.

The contract for the new electric light power house at Dresden has been let to Chatham contractors, Messrs. Drader & Westmore.

The imports at the port of Stratford for the month of April were: Free goods, \$2,739; dutiable goods, \$35,737; duty collected, \$12,540.80.

May 24 is to be celebrated in Ridgeway as a royal day. There is to be a small match and other sports for which liberal prizes are offered.

Woodstock old boys' celebration is to last three days, and will begin on Sunday, June 30, with divine service in the several churches.

The 22nd Regiment of Woodstock are in favor of arranging the annual summer camp at Woodstock instead of at Leamington.

The Embro Courier has again changed hands. Mr. Aiger, of Cobourg has purchased it from Wm. Stewart, and took possession Wednesday.

James Anderson, late of the Carleton Place, has been elected to the office of mayor of the town of Woodstock.

The customs returns at the port of Woodstock for the month of April were: Free goods, \$2,739; value of dutiable goods, \$35,737; duty collected, \$12,540.80.

Messrs. J. D. Gushue, Charles Heron and Arthur Manches left for London Wednesday morning for Port Arthur. They intend to take a land in New Ontario.

Mr. Robert Kerr, formerly of Ridgeway, has graduated from the Pittsburgh dental college, heading the class of 50 graduates and securing an average of 94 per cent.

James Bishop, of Chatham, has purchased a 50-acre farm near Cedar Springs. He will move his family to his new residence in a couple of weeks.

Chatham's assessment this year is \$3,602,297, as against \$3,555,158 in 1900. The population has decreased from 8,777 in 1900 to 8,760 this year. The population ten years ago was 8,764.

Mr. J. A. Brown, of the Maxwell Works, has been married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Brown.

The new public school building at Thamesford will be ready for occupation in about a month. It is the property of the township of Thamesford.

Another petition to abolish toll roads has been received by the county council. It is from Dereham and Ingersoll, and will be taken up with the other at the June session of the county council.

The death took place from diphtheria the other day of Carrie Ball, wife of Andrew Edmiston, son of Wm. Edmiston, of Blenheim. Mr. and Mrs. Edmiston had their home in Nebraska.

Mr. Arch. McCall, census commissioner for the Elgin, has finished examining the books of the ten enumerators for Howard and Ridgeway, and forwarded them to the census bureau at Ottawa.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. T. McBurney, Stratford, when his eldest daughter, Miss Mary, became the bride of Mr. Alex. Reid, electrician, of Kincardine.

Last Friday the Strathroy Collegiate Institute, cut corps received their first shipment from the military department in the way of arms, consisting of about 100 Remington-Henry rifles, revolvers, belts, and all the proper accoutrements.

William H. Elliott, the well-known Detroit drygoods merchant, who died shortly after 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, at his residence, 507 Cass avenue, was the son of the late James Elliott, of Amherstburg, and was born on a farm near that place Oct. 13, 1844.

Mr. Harry Davis, of the 15th line, East Zorra, leaves shortly for England and Scotland for the purpose of purchasing some thoroughbred cattle and hogs. Mr. Davis will visit the Glasgow exhibition and several of the largest estates to secure the best stock.

Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's father, Eudora, Ont., Rev. John J. Ross, pastor of the William Street Baptist Church, officiated at the wedding of Miss Mary Graham, B.A., daughter of John J. Graham, of Eudora, Ont., who were united in marriage.

After investigation the promoters of electric street lighting in Embro find that the cost will greatly exceed the first estimate and it is not likely that the streets will be illuminated yet awhile, although the majority of the ratepayers voted for street lighting a few days ago.

The water at Tick-Tack Point, near Mitchell's Bay, is now exceptionally low. On Monday a small schooner, the "Isaac Heath" found a flat-lock and ran into the stop-block at the end of the wharf at a rapid rate, crashing through the large stop-blocks. One of the cars pitched headlong into the river and the ferry was unable to get out all night. The damage to the boat and car will amount to about \$1,500.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hatcher, of Mount Elgin, had a narrow escape from drowning on Thursday night. The little fellow, with a ball in hand was trying to dip whey out of the tank at the factory when he fell into the overbalanced and fell into the whey. His older brother heard the splashing and quickly gave the alarm. Mr. Hatcher soon rescued him, but his life for some time was despaired of. He was revived in attendance and through his efforts the child was revived. He lay in a critical condition for a day or two, but has now recovered.

Andrew Carnegie's last speech to his workmen at Homestead, "Labor, capital and business ability," he said, "are the three legs of a three-legged stool. Neither is first, neither is second, neither is third. There is no precedence, all being equally necessary. All efforts to make the stool stand on one leg or two have been failures, but when it rests on all three it is hard to upset."

THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and cooler.

Two Counters of Ladies' Colored Suitings Clearing at Reduced Prices.

Regular 85c and \$1.00 goods, selling at the yard..... 50c
Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 goods, selling at the yard..... 75c
Watch for fuller particulars on Monday. Goods now on sale. Come early.

Children's Dresses

We have a splendid line of Children's Wash Dresses, all ready to wear, that we are able to sell at prices that will surprise and gratify mothers who have not the time to spend making up summer garments for their little ones. How we are able to make and sell them at such very low prices is not the question. Can you afford not to buy is more to the point.

Children's Dresses, made in pink and white and blue and white checked print, Mother Hubbard style, only 45c
Children's Dresses, in large assortment of colors, Empire style, sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5 years, only 65c
Special line, made of pink, blue or mauve Chambray, trimmed with embroidery and finishing braid; sizes 2 to 5 years, only 75c
Children's Dresses, in light colorings; Empire style with white laced yoke; finished with frill of Swiss embroidery, only \$1.25
Another pretty Dress is a plaid gingham; Empire style, yoke trimmed with revers of lace insertion and edging; sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5 years; only \$1.50
We have also a very large assortment of Children's Underwear at prices that will save you more than the labor of making them up.

Ladies' Whitewear.

Never has it been our pleasure to show such dainty whitewear garments as this season. Never have so many words of commendation been uttered in regard to their attractiveness, goodness and lowness of price, and never have we pleased so many customers. We invite attention to the following:

Plain Cotton Skirts, with 10-inch fawn frill and tucks; 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches long. The price is only 69c
Dainty Skirts for muslin dresses, made in fine cambrics, deep lawn frill, edged with fine Swiss embroidery and dust frill; extra wide and in all lengths. Price only \$2.00
Also a large assortment of Underskirts at from 69c to \$5.50
Our special Gown in Mother Hubbard style, with lace trimmings, 56, 58, and 60 inches long, sells at only 50c
Empire Gowns, made in fine cotton, revers of tucks and lace insertion; lawn frills edged with lace; extra wide. Price only \$1.00

Splendid Value in Summer Vests.

We have just now a specially good line of Ladies' Summer Undervests which we can place at the disposal of our customers at the following prices. Every one is a bargain, and you should not hesitate to buy.

Ladies' Unbleached Vests, no sleeves, great value at, each 5c
Ladies' Unbleached Vests, no sleeves, fancy trimmings, selling at 8c
Ladies' Unbleached Vests, no sleeves, fancy trimmings, selling at 10c
Ladies' Bleached Vests, no sleeves, fancy trimmings, selling at 12c
Ladies' Bleached and Unbleached Vests, quarter-sleeves, rare value at 12c
Ladies' Bleached Vests, quarter-sleeves, fancy trimmings, special at 15c
Ladies' Bleached Vests, quarter and no sleeves, fancy trimmings, only 18c

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An exquisite line of Summer Costumes have place of honor to-day in Colored Dress Goods Department. They are superb things, and we sell them in dress lengths only at these prices:

Creme de Chene, two dresses only, in lovely shades of pearl gray and bright navy, only \$12.00
Creme de Chene, in brown, with small spot, self-color, very handsome, only \$7.50
Voyte, very light, for summer dresses, an entirely new thing, very stylish, only \$5.75
Wool Taffetas, in silk and wool, wave stripe of silk, in brown, green, gray and fawn; makes up elegantly. only \$10.50
Wool Taffeta, in silk stripe, very handsome for summer costumes, in elegant shades of gray, greens and fawn. only \$12.50
Irish Poplins, wave stripe, very fashionable and pretty, in helio, castor and green shades, only \$10.00
Camel Hair, light-weight, in brown, black and blue; make up elegantly; only \$8.50

These will make dresses that won't be seen every day.

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