

The Planet

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GROWTH OF CANADIAN CITIES.

The Canadian Magazine has an interesting article with regard to the growth of Canadian cities during the last two decades. Here is the tabulation.

	1881	1890	1900
Montreal	155,257	216,644	238,657
Toronto	90,196	187,644	212,560
Quebec	62,446	63,690	65,000
Hamilton	35,960	44,653	52,565
Ottawa	31,307	43,728	57,002
St. John	41,353	40,179	39,000
Halifax	36,100	38,536	45,000
London	26,266	30,755	38,902
Winnipeg	7,985	12,892	42,534
Kingston	14,091	18,169	18,168
Victoria	5,925	16,000	27,000
Vancouver	—	12,000	29,000
Brandon	9,616	14,280	16,215
Charlottetown	11,485	11,374	12,000
Hull	6,890	10,900	12,400
Guelph	8,800	10,300	10,500
St. Thomas	8,307	10,329	11,908
Windsor	6,561	10,528	12,129
Sherbrooke	7,227	9,923	11,100
Belleville	9,516	10,128	10,513
Stratford	8,229	9,892	10,758
St. Catharines	9,631	10,023	10,309
Chatham	2,873	9,000	10,000
Fredericton	6,210	6,400	7,000
Brandon	—	3,500	5,388

Totals 612,378 860,509 1,066,368

It will be seen from the above table that Chatham stood 23rd among Canadian cities in 1880 and is still there. In the past ten years Vancouver has increased by 141 per cent. and Winnipeg by 89—phenomenal development not at all in keeping with the average.

SECULAR EDUCATION AND CRIME.

A correspondent in England has called our attention to the following paragraph in The Church Times, which he describes as a ritualistic journal:—

"According to a recent return one-third of the criminals of Ontario are below the age of twenty-one. Secular education has been in force in that Province for about thirty years. This is a horrible state of affairs, and it is beginning to attract widespread attention. The proportion in the Province of Quebec, so often despised by Ontario as being 'unprogressive' and 'priest-ridden,' is a little more than one-half. It would be interesting to know the exact proportion among the purely French."

It is perhaps well to be thorough, even when one is wrong, and no pains have been spared to make the quoted article wrong in every possible particular.

First, the statistics are wrong. In Ontario there were in 1899 2,693 convictions of indictable crimes. Of these 1,025 convictions were of persons under 21, or about 38.3 per cent. In Quebec there were in 1899 1,779 convictions. Of these 621 were of persons under twenty-one years, or 35 per cent. Instead, therefore, of the proportion in Ontario being double the proportion in Quebec the difference is only 3 per cent. The proportion is practically the same. Again, taking the history of six years, the record is somewhat in favor of Ontario. In Ontario the proportion of juvenile criminals in 1899 was 3.1 per cent greater than the average of the years from 1894 to 1898. In Quebec the advance was 4.8 per cent. Here, again we regard the difference as unimportant. The two provinces stand on about the same footing.

Secondly, the system of education in Ontario is not wholly secular. A large number of children attend the Roman Catholic separate schools, which are denominational, and in the public schools provision is made for religious exercises, namely, the repetition of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of portions of Scripture. These exercises are conducted in about 90 per cent. of the schools. The indirect influence of the teachers on the side of religion is also considerable. As a rule they are church members, and many of them are active workers in the churches and Sunday schools. The article is also wrong in inferring that the tendency of recent legislation has been to diminish religious teaching in the schools.

Thirdly, while crime is deplorable at any age, there is nothing outstanding in the fact that more than one-third of the criminals are under 21. If there is any criminal tendency in a man, it is altogether likely to develop before he is twenty-one. Young men from eighteen to twenty-one can hardly be described as "juveniles."

Fourthly, if the school system were responsible for crime, the effects would be shown in a general prevalence of criminals under twenty-one. The school system of this Province was organized 54 years ago; and, therefore, the bulk of all the inhabitants of Ontario living to-day have been educated under that system. If juvenile crime, as distinct from other crime, were increasing because of our educational system, it would be because some injurious change had been made very recently, say within ten years; that is to say, most of the juvenile offenders of to-day must have been of school age within the last ten years. It is not alleged that the schools have been made more secular within that period than they were before.

"The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past."

This is what a fagged out, tearful little woman said in telling her cares and weaknesses. Her friend encouraged by telling of a relative who had just such troubles and was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The little woman now has tears of joy, for she took Hood's, which put her blood in prime order, and she lives on the strength of the present instead of worrying about that of the past.

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In view of Sir Charles Tupper having "practically taken his valedictory of the party," George Taylor, M. P., senior Conservative whip in the late Parliament, has issued a circular to all M. P. of the party, calling them to meet in the caucus room in the House of Commons on the evening of Tuesday, February 5, at 8 o'clock, for consultation and the adoption of such measures as may be deemed necessary for the organized conduct of business by Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

"Somebody has been looking up the professions of the members of the new Dominion parliament with this result: 60 lawyers, 33 merchants, 29 farmers, 18 doctors, 11 newspaper men, 11 manufacturers, 9 lumbermen, 7 gentlemen, 5 notaries, 3 grain dealers, 2 bankers, 2 traders, 2 ministers of the gospel, 1 printer, 1 rancher, 1 real estate agent, 1 oil operator, 1 miners' agent, 1 mill owner, 1 cheese dealer, 1 contractor and farmer, 1 financier, 1 ship owner, 1 fruit grower, 1 cattle exporter, 1 accountant and surveyor and 2 distillers."

TIGER-LILLIES.

I like not lady-slipppers,
Nor yet the sweet-pea blossoms,
Nor yet the flaky roses,
Red, or white as snow;
I like the chained lilies,
The heavy Eastern lilies,
The gorgeous tiger-lilies,
That in our gardens grow.

For they are tall and slender;
Their mouths are dashed with carmine;
And when the wind sweeps by them,
On their emerald stalks
They bend so proud and graceful—
They are Circassian women,
The favorites of the Sultan,
Adorn our garden walks!

And when the rain is falling,
I sit beside the window
And watch them glow and glisten,
How they burn and glow!
O, for the burning lilies,
The tender Eastern lilies,
The gorgeous tiger-lilies,
That in our garden grow!

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

MY SISTER'S BABY

My baby is full of abounding life and joy; my sister's boy is a puny thing.

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THE DRESS MODEL.

The new beautiful "old rose" shade of the autumn is almost as pink as a carnation blossom.

Plain empire skirt hems in various widths appear upon some of the latest tailor costumes of ladies' cloth, covert, Venetian, drap de chine and French broadcloth.

Stylish looking autumn redingotes are made of Scotch tweed in almost imperceptible thread checks or stripes. Most of them are double breasted and close fitting at the back.

On some of the latest tailor costumes and demidress toilets the inevitable black satin belt and stock collar are replaced by deep corset girdles and folded stocks of richly dyed velvets.

Ecru, cream and ivory gypure laces, with stock collar and girdle of some dark hue velvet, are still in marked favor as a decoration for handsome gowns of cloth or wool of lighter color.

The new Russian blouse, with and without the skirt below the waist, which finished all the Russian blouses when last in vogue, will rival the Eton and bolero jackets in fashionable favor.

It is gratifying to know that, although the tendency both here and in Paris is to keep the promenade gown of a street sweeping length, there are not a few of the leaders of fashion who are taking a most decided stand against the style.

Rouge red is the latest French shade of red. It is very fashionable among the tailor cloths for both jackets and costumes, and, having the rich glow of a jacque rose, it is more becoming than most of the vivid hues and looks somewhat less conspicuous among the array of new promenade suits and wraps.

One of the very fashionable styles of the season is the tricorn hat of soft French felt, in tawn, pale tan, delicate old rose, russet, and other pastel tints, trimmed with dark green, sable brown, violet, dahlia or other colored silk, with velvet folds and loops and an odd oriental buckle or glittering clasp.

THE ROYAL BOX.

The Duke of York has been appointed colonel in chief of the Royal Fusiliers (city of London regiment).

The Paris papers say that the German emperor is at work on an epic treating of his grandfather's life and the Franco-Prussian war.

King Humbert could never sleep except upon a raised bed. He dispensed with the use of pillows and used sheets of the very coarsest quality.

The new king of Italy proposes to give his valuable collection of rare old coins to one of the state mint, so that if he kept it he would give to its improvement time which his present duties will not allow him to spare.

Luncheon is Queen Victoria's favorite meal, and a sirloin of beef and chicken generally appear on the bill of fare. Her majesty is fond of the flavor of cranberries, and cranberry tart is often served as a second course sweet.

Dr. Bachmann of Shanghai has recently stated in a letter to the Geographical Magazine that the Emperor Kwang Su suffers from cancer of the throat and is unable to reign. The same view is taken by Dr. Dethere, a French physician, and by Dr. Sheng Lian Feng, both of whom have examined the emperor.

Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll, prefers to retain her royal rank, but Princess Louise of Wales desires to be designated Duchess of Fife. When she married the Duke of Fife, she identified herself with her new surroundings and, although, of course, addressed as royal highness by friends and dependents, yet resigned her right to a lady in waiting and receives no allowance from government.

PERT PERSONALS.

The number of Alfred Austin's poetic license must be 15.—Portland Oregonian.

Mr. Paul Leicester Ford may now write the story of a love that has been told.—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Charles T. Yerkes has begun the business of astonishing London in true western fashion.—Boston Globe.

The Duke of Abruzzi is not like other explorers. Instead of going on a lecture tour he is going back after the north pole.—Indianapolis Press.

The shah of Persia has purchased 60 bicycles and seven automobiles. His highness must be contemplating the living of a fast life in the future.—Denver Post.

Olga Nethersole has had to pay a fine for taking unmuzzled dogs into Great Britain. Olga has broken away from the manager she had last year, but she is apparently employing the same old press agent.

ANIMAL LIFE.

Horses have a great dislike to camels. Sand eels bury themselves in the mud by means of their long, horny, projecting lower jaws.

A carrier pigeon let loose from La Lorraine, 413 miles out at sea, returned safely to its cot at Rennes. This is a record.

A goose that is nearly 50 years old belongs to a Yorkshire woman. This old goose has laid for nearly 40 years, and each year since 1854 up to two years ago she has hatched and raised goslings.

A strange thing about the house cat is that, if allowed to run wild in the country and get its food by killing rabbits, chickens and such live things, it will gradually but surely take the color and stripes of the regular wildcat and act and live like one.

CHIPS FROM CHINA.

China's motto is, "If at first you don't succeed, lie, lie again."—Washington Star.

The Caucasians in China take a fort or two now and then to remind the Chinese that the main question is still unsettled.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

By withdrawing from Peking and leaving a guard the allied forces would probably have the excitement of rescuing the guard later on.

TURKISH ODDITIES.

In Turkey the disappearance of the sun at night is accounted for by the periodical retirement of that pious luminary for prayers and religious reflection. The Turkish mother leads her child with amulets as soon as it is born, and a small bit of mud, steeped in hot water, prepared by previous charms, is stuck on its forehead.

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No. 35—Corner of Harvey and West streets.
No. 36—Corner Lacroix and King streets.

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