

A UNIQUE VIEW OF CANADA. (London Punch).

Canada is a land of extremes. In summer the weather is so hot that asbestos lining on the fireproof buildings has been known to melt, and in winter the snow is so deep that special elevators have to be instituted to convey the residents down to the roofs of their dwellings.

The principal pastimes in the country are log-rolling, broncho-busting, and exploring. The first consists in letting loose a large number of tree trunks on a swift river, and then jumping from one to the other; the second is the art of remaining on a horse which is convinced that you belong somewhere else; and the third is indulged in because otherwise so much of the country would go to waste.

But it must be admitted that the extraordinary variations in temperature—in some parts—are not without effect on the inhabitants. They have to cram a year's work into six months because it is far too cold during the winter to do anything except sit with their feet on the stove, talking politics.

Canadians drink rye whiskey in preference to the kind produced by Bonnie Scotland. This is, perhaps, their greatest achievement.

THE TEN BEST MEN.

The British Weekly lately offered prizes for the best lists of the ten men in the Old Country who would be most missed. The result is published, the names appearing in the order given: Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Dr. Clifford, Viscount Kitchener, Earl Roberts, Dr. Meyer, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and Dr. Campbell Morgan. The first three—Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith, and Sir Edward Grey—far out-distanced all others on the lists.

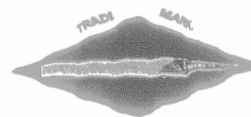
NO DECLINE IN RATES.

Sir Felix Schuster says it is almost impossible accurately to forecast money to the end of the year because of the many obscure factors, but there is no reason whatever for an alarmist view. Nevertheless, a certain amount of self-restraint is necessary. "We must not lend too freely abroad," he adds. "General development may be somewhat retarded, but with a fair amount of caution we need not expect excessive money rates in the autumn. Rates, however, cannot be expected to move much lower than they are now."

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