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## Note and Comment.

The Banana trust, in order to maintain high prices, destroys great quantities of the fruit by throwing it into the gulf of Mexico.

The underground railways of London carry only nineteen per cent. of the passenger traffic; eighty-one per cent is carried by omnibuses and street cars.

The Japanese Foreign Office announces that the Government of Japan has prohibited all emigration of Japanese laborers to the United States and Canada.

The German Foreign Office has promised the Protestant League at Berlin to make representations to the Austrian Government against the expulsion of Protestant clergymen from Austria.

At the end of June there were 72 warships under construction in the United Kingdom, 54 being for the British Government. Sixteen of the vessels are being built in Royal Dockyards and the remaining 56 in private yards.

It is said this has been a record-breaking year for the California orange crop. The yield will, it is thought, be about 4,500,000 boxes, or 14,500 carloads. The total investment in California orange groves now amounts to \$44,000,000.

The Spanish Premier, Senor Silvea, intends to take the initiative looking towards an international conference for the suppression of anarchists, and the Spanish Government has decided to apply rigorously the law against aarchy.

The English Free Churches are making arrangements for a combined effort to secure a million new pledges with which to usher in the new century. The effort will begin on Temperance Sunday of this year and will continue for one year.

I. D. Sankey, for so many years the traveling companion of Mr. Moody, after taking part in the re-opening of the Spurgeon Metropolitan Temple in London next September, will visit Turkey as the guest of several Christian missions in that country.

Many of the Chinese Boxers, says The London Advertiser, who have been fighting against the British and their allies near Peking, are red-headed. Why is there no red-headed Chinaman in Canada? Did anybody in the Dominion ever see a red-headed Chinaman?

The United States War Department has issued an order for a general election, to be held in Cuba on the third Saturday of September, to elect delegates to a convention to be held in Havana on the first Monday of November, to frame and adopt a constitution for the people of Cuba.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, says The Woman's Journal, is a woman who has been the mother of fourteen children, has written thirty-two books, prepared a professor for Princeton College, and at threescore years of age is a superb picture of vitality—as fresh and sweet of heart as a young girl.

The growth of Belfast during the last few years is probably unprecedented. On the outskirts of the city in all directions house-building operations are being actively pursued, and in the Lisburn road direction it is specially noticeable, where scores of neat houses have been erected.

The *Orillia Packet*, always neatly printed itself, says: THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN has been greatly improved in appearance since its removal to Ottawa. "We hope to make further improvements, not only typographically but in the contents of this paper before many months go by.

Ottawa is steadily progressing. The population of the city proper, as evidenced by the Directory just published, is placed at 68,550. Some think this an over-estimate; but there is no doubt the city is prosperous; population is growing; and there are not a few who predict 100,000 in the not very distant future.

Princeton University has received from Mr. McCormick, of Chicago, a collection of Indian pottery, stone implements and articles used in religious ceremonies of the Hopi Indians of Arizona. This gift will supplement the large collections which the University already possesses of Mexican and Peruvian pottery.

Great Britain's contribution to the immense photograph of the heavens, which is being prepared by all the leading observatories throughout the world, is making rapid progress at Greenwich Observatory, according to the report of the Astronomer Royal. The catalogue of star places resulting from this observation is also being printed.

Universal horror was expressed throughout Europe at the fate of King Humbert. In Great Britain the sorrow was particularly keen, as the dead king had been friendly to the government during its recent trials. The assassin has been identified as Angelo Bresci, a broad silk weaver, who formerly worked in a silk mill in Paterson, New Jersey.

There are very few Chinese in England—only 767, all told, according to the last enumeration. There are 29 Chinese in Scotland and 16 in Monmouthshire and Wales. Most of the Chinese in this country are either Government officials, students, or domestic servants. The females are to the males as three to four. Can any of our readers tell the proportion in Canada?

A number of gentlemen in Ottawa are making arrangements to acquire the rights and privileges of the leading dairymen in that city and to add certain improvements of a sanitary nature, such as the sterilization of the milk by the Pasteur method. Their object is to form a big company, under the name of the Ottawa Dairy Co., and to supply the city with absolutely reliable milk.

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men." Dr. Patton, president of Princeton University, decided to shave off his side-whiskers, which he had worn for many years. After shaving off the left side he went to his bedroom, where his wife was sitting, and said: "My dear, I shaved one side. If you like it I'll shave the other." We may believe that he wasn't seen out of the house in that condition.

A drunken man fell asleep by the roadside at Delagoa Bay. A patrol coming along thought he was dead, and as burial in that part of the world follows straight on the heels of death, he was speedily taken to the cemetery, where there are always some open graves. The lowering into the grave aroused the toper, who made such a commotion that he was released. He was immediately fined £5 for creating a disturbance at a funeral!

Madras is the only city in India where electricity is used as the power for street service. The tramways of Bombay are run by horse power and the streets are lighted by gas. Electricity is used only in a limited way. India would seem to afford an excellent opportunity for trade in electrical machinery and appliances. An American company is trying to get the privilege of converting the Bombay tramways into an electrically operated system.

The following incident reveals a marked change in feeling between two of the great Presbyterian Churches in Scotland. A quarter of a century ago it would have been impossible to cite such a case. The Christian Leader says: The new church at Ardross, Ross-shire, was opened on Thursday of last week, by Rev. Dr. Blair, of Edinburgh, representing the Church of Scotland,

and Rev. Mardo M'Kenzie of Inverness, representing the Free Church. The church has been built at the expense of Mr. Dyson Perrins of Ardross Castle, who designs it for the joint use of the Established and Free Church people of the district. The local union promises to be very successful, judging from the large mixed congregations which have crowded the building at the several diets of worship.

The blue ribbon of the Atlantic has been handsomely won by the new steamer *Deutschland* on her first return voyage from New York to Plymouth. Her run of 3,085 knots in 5 days 14 hours 6 minutes represents a speed of exactly 23 knots, or 26.47 statute miles, an hour. The best speed of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which has held the first place among swift ocean steamers since the autumn of 1897, was 22.61 knots an hour on her eastward passage in July last year.

A curious railway accident occurred in India lately. While a train was in Ruxaul Station a terrific storm commenced, and, although the brake was applied in the van and on the engine, the force of the wind was such that the train was driven along the line. The engine dashed through the buffer stop at the end of the line, and traveled along about six lengths of rail end to end without fish-plate fastenings. After leaving these rails the engine plowed along the embankment, and then came fortunately to a standstill, no great damage having been done.

The Free Church of Scotland has for many years had as one of its enterprises the maintenance of stations on the Continent, for English-speaking residents and tourists. The Executive of the Federation of the Free Churches in England recently proposed that all Free Churches should unite in this work. The proposal is one of great practical interest, as it would result in the establishment of services in English in many places where only services by the Church in England often very High, are held.

An order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the landing of paupers or destitute immigrants in any part of Canada until such sums of money as are found necessary are provided and paid into the hands of the Canadian immigrant agent having jurisdiction at the port of landing by the master of the vessel carrying the said immigrants for their temporary support and transportation to their places of destination. Destitute Jews have been admitted because of provision made for them by wealthy countrymen.

Toronto Telegram: No English-speaking orator since the time of John Bright has steeped his style so completely in the imagery and language of the Bible as William Jennings Bryan. To this foolish and inaccurate statement The Free Press replies: The name of Bryan cannot be mentioned as an orator in the same breath as John Bright. The comparison is ridiculous. And while John Bright's speeches were steeped in the imagery and language of the Bible, the same were never misapplied. John Bright would never have indulged in that notorious crown of thorns and cross of gold outbreak of Bryan.

That excellent local paper, The New Glasgow *Canadier*, in noting our removal to the Capital, remarks: THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN is now published at Ottawa; at least the headquarters of publication are in the Dominion Capital. This weekly religious and denominational publication has improved of late. It is a sixteen page paper, well conducted; its editorial articles and notes are good; it is an excellent paper for the family and household as well; it has the usual Sunday School lessons and C. E. topics every week. Presbyterianism is quite strong at Ottawa, and is yearly enlarging its borders there. The city is the seat of the Presbyterian Ladies' College. THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN will no doubt help in developing the strength and influence of the denomination in the Capital city.