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ATHENS, JULY 30, 1902.

CANADA'S BIG CROPS.

The farmer is a busy man these days.
The weather is simply perfect for hay-
ing and harvesting, and he is certainly
making good use of the time. Haying
is well advanced and many are hard at
work cutting their wheat. The barley
is nearly ready for the binder, and the
oats will not be very far behind. From
all parts of the country reports agree
that the crop is a record breaker. Old
residents with excellent memories can-
not recall a year in which the crops, on
the whole, were better, or even as good.
The frequent rains about which so many
have complained so much have been
just the thing for the light land. The
straw is unusually long, but the heads
have filled out remarkably well and
the yield per acre, it is expected,
will be away above the average. There
has been good cause for fearing that
the weather might continue so unfavor-
able that there might be some difficulty
getting in the grain even after cutting,
but during the last few days more de-
sirable conditions could not have been
wished for. In every way this season
the farmer seems to have been highly
favored. The field roots, potatoes,
vegetables, etc., give promise of being
larger and better than for many years.
Corn appears to be the only exception.
This will no doubt be somewhat of a
failure, when compared with other
years, but this is a small consideration
when everything else is so abundant.

In some parts of Ontario, however,
the farmers are feeling rather gloomy,
owing apparently to the never-ending
fall of rain. Between Toronto and Lake
Simcoe the hay crop is rotting in the
field. At least such was the case last
week, but the sunshine of this week
would no doubt save the crop. Other
reports indicate a most prosperous state
of things throughout the dominion.
Right through from the province of
Nova Scotia to the North-west Terri-
tories the despatches tell of record crops.

The outlook is particularly bright in
Manitoba and the Territories, where
the largest crop on record is looked for.
Western Ontario reports are optimistic,
particularly with reference to the fruit
crop. Apples are said to be heavier
than for years, and there will be an
abundance of peaches. All grains are
looking well. Corn forms a general
exception though; all reports speak of
it as being largely ruined. Eastern
Ontario reports generally speak in a
hopeful tone. Crops are for the most
part good, those of hay and potatoes
appearing to be the most promising.
In Quebec hay and potatoes are doubt-
ful in some places; so are roots, but on
the whole a heavy crop of hay may be
looked for. The fruit crop in Nova
Scotia is reported poor, under the aver-
age, while in New Brunswick the con-
ditions are somewhat better, and from
all accounts the crop should be a good
one. As yet little has been heard about
the outlook in British Columbia, their
harvest being somewhat later, but no
doubt equally good reports will be re-
ceived in a few days.

ATHENS' REGISTRATIONS.

The Brockville Times of Saturday
remarks: "What is the matter with
the birth rate in the classic village of
Athens in this county? On Tuesday
evening at a public meeting held there
to discuss the building of a new hall,
and incidentally more school accommo-
dation the village clerk said that,

"There did not appear to be much
cause for worry in regard to school
accommodation. Last year only six
births were registered, and for the first
six months of this year only two"

"For a village of almost a thousand
inhabitants this is an awful showing.

"This shocking state of affairs recalls
to memory the fact that over ten years
ago a would-be candidate for office in
that very village issued a manifesto to
the electors outlining the policy he pro-
posed to adopt if elected, the fourth
section of which was as follows:

"Home Industries.—On this sub-
ject I have thought deeply and have
come to the conclusion to follow the
example of the province of Quebec, and
offer a small bonus for each baby born
during the year 1892 in each block in
the municipality. This will be known
as the 'Rockwood Block Baby Bonus
System,' which will not only be an en-
couragement to our home industries
that even the poorest may strive for,
but will also be an incentive to keep
our census returns up to par."

"Had the citizens of the Classic Vil-
lage listened in time to this suggestion
of this would-be reeve perhaps now
their clerk would not have the pitiful
tale to tell that he did about birth regis-
trations"

No one can dispute for a moment that
this is a most lamentable state of affairs.
We doubt, however, if the "classic vil-
lage" of Athens is much worse, if any,
in this respect than neighboring towns.
The same complaint has frequently been
made in the provincial press, and even
from the pulpit. So far as Athens is
concerned we may say there undoubt-
edly have been several births during the
last year and a half which were not
registered. This is gross carelessness on
the part of the parents. It may be
news to such to know that parties not
registering births are in danger of being
fined. In our opinion it would take
more than the policy referred to in the
alleged manifesto of the would-be reeve
to make any difference in the birth rate.
The laughing innocent little babe, which
for centuries has been prized above
everything else by loving mothers, evi-
dently has no charms for the modern
wife. Her time is too much taken up
with other attractions. To her children
are a nuisance.

NOTES.

The Chief of Police is rusticated at
the lake and the mischievous boys are
planning for all kinds of sport during
the two weeks he is away.

The editor of an exchange thanks a
subscriber for a five inch gooseberry.
Poor man! Somebody has been palm-
ing a young squash on him!

Canadians have not done very good
shooting at Bisley, but the winning of
the McKinnon Cup indicates that their
marksmanship improved to the last.

The Escott farmer who had two horses
badly gored by a bull during the last
two weeks ought to be thinking seriously
of having the animal dehorned or shot.

Last week two Athens ladies nar-
rowly escaped serious injuries by falls
caused by loose planks in the sidewalks.
The Council should have the walks re-
paired at once.

The meeting of the Privy Council
Royal yacht off Cowes on Saturday was
the first Council ever held on the sea
by the Great Sea King or any of his
ancestors.

The editor of this great family journal
is much indebted to one of the most
charming little girls in Athens for a
very pretty bouquet of sweet peas re-
ceived yesterday.

It is estimated that the loss from the
coal strike now represents \$56,445,000.
And the worst feature is that this will
yet be collected from the consumers by
means of coal bills.

Lord Dundonald has emerged from
the crucible of the Boer war a partisan
of the rifle. In his opinion a soldier's
first duty is to learn how to shoot.
Even cavalry must discard the cutting
sword for the rifle.

If his Majesty is crowned in a Bath
chair, the incident will not be without a
British precedent. Queen Anne was
unable to stand when crowned, and
had to be supported by her attendants.
However, it is early yet to predict what
King Edward may or may not be able
to do by August 9th.

The many friends of John Ross Rob-
ertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., will
be glad to congratulate him on being
granted the distinguished rank of Past
Grand Junior Warden of England.
This is the highest rank conferred by
the Grand Lodge of England.

A proposition is being made to the
people of Cornwall to establish a furni-
ture factory there. The promoters of
the company want a bonus—\$1500;
also a free site and exemption from
taxation for ten years. In return
\$25,000 a year would be spent in wages,
at least eighty men being employed.

A prominent Michigan minister won
the hearts of his people on Sunday eve-
ning by preaching a "warm weather
sermon" containing only twenty-seven
words. How different in Athens on
that same evening when a large congre-
gation, crowded into the pews, were sup-
posed to look pleasant while the min-
ister talked for just forty minutes.

WHAT EDITORS SAY.

They complain of heat and drought
in England. Here is a chance for re-
ciprocidity.—Waterloo Times.

Farmers hereabout are talking of
abandoning attempts at wheat growing
and going into the raising of ducks.—
Brantford Expositor.

Few men ever reach the top probab-
ly because the top grows away from
the average man as fast as he climbs.
—Chicago News.

Sir Redvers Buller would have
lived and died with a great reputation
with the crowd as a soldier if he had
been born dumb.—Ottawa Journal.

Those New Jersey deacons should
be told that to permit young women
members of their church to raise funds
by kissing men, smacks of immortali-
ty.—Boston Herald.

The feeling is growing that Ross has
the Ontario premiership away with
him and that, so long as he stays in
Europe, Whitney cannot get it away
from him.—Montreal Star.

English journals are discussing the
place of a doctor in a funeral procession.
In front of the hearse is undoubtedly
the proper position; for the cause must
always precede the effect.—Montreal
Star.

Coal miners of America voluntarily
taving themselves a quarter of a mil-
lion dollars a week to support some of
their number who they believe are
striking in a just cause, is a magnifi-
cent demonstration of the unity and
courage of labor.—Ottawa Journal.

John W. Mackay started life as a
newspaper boy and on his death is es-
timated to have been worth \$80,000,
000. It is strange but true that many
of the men who began life poor and
died rich earned their first money
selling papers.—Syracuse Post Stand-
ard.

The first American Indian has got
his divorce. Thus do the aborigines
continue to copy the faults of civiliza-
tion. The old way of tapping the
superfluous squaw gently with a club
and letting her folks attend to the
funeral was less costly and more ex-
pedient.—Montreal Star.

AT THE HOTELS.

The following registered at the hotels
here during the past week:

Gamble House: Fred Mitchell, Tor-
onto; D. W. Anderson, Montreal;
W. S. Gordon, Kingston; W. H. Mc-
Kinnon Smith's Falls; W. H. Han-
nah, Hamilton; H. Walters, Lanark;
H. J. Dennis, Ottawa; W. C. Mc-
Martin, Rock Island; Rus. Stanton,
Merrickville; J. G. Mayer, Hamilton;
H. Merrick, Kingston; W. McK.
Barlow, Montreal; D. W. Fletcher,
Hamilton; Oscar Meyers, Ottawa;
E. S. Clow, C. Sherman, J. Tallman,
Ogdensburg; M. Anglin, McIntosh
Mills; Thos. McDonald, Detroit;
Louis Carron, Portland; Wm. Han-
nah Newboro; W. J. Sherwood, Lon-
don; J. J. Jones, Toronto; Lindsay
Morrison, Hamilton; R. J. Green,
wife and daughter, Oak Leaf; W. A.
Auckland, Renfrew; Wm. Cronker,
Wolford; Dr. H. Tremayne, Evans-
ville, Ind.; G. E. Madden, C. C. Cop-
eland, Lev. Hill, Delta; H. J. Bennett,
Gananoque; E. Johnston, Montreal;
S. Warren, M. Cornett, Lansdowne;
H. Norwood, Ottawa.

Armstrong House: G. S. McThie,
Elgin; David Murphy, Portland; Jos.
McKenny, Portland; Angus Orr,
Kingston; H. McBroom, Washburn;
W. S. Bilton, Newboro; J. N. Condie,
Ottawa; John McGill, H. McConkey,
Brockville; D. R. Benson, Nanawee;
C. E. Dorr, Watertown, N.Y.; C. S.
Richardson, Laith Falls, N.Y.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Owing to a change in the postal
arrangements, manuscript for newspapers
will now require a TWO cent stamp in-
stead of one cent as formerly. Our cor-
respondents are requested to note this
fact and govern themselves accordingly.
Be careful to put a TWO cent stamp on
all newsletters hereafter.

TANKS OF FACTS.

There is a difference between in-
formation and knowledge.

A great many people mistake infor-
mation for knowledge. What a man
most needs is not that he may be pos-
sessed of an accumulation of facts, but
that he may know where to look for
the facts when he wants them. We all
know the unpleasant individual who is
continually seeking information. You
show him about your city and he asks:
"How many miles of street railway
have you in your city?" "What is the
price of ice here this summer?" "How
many churches are there here?" "How
long has that building been standing?"
etc., ad nauseam. You don't know and
wonder why he wants to. You know
where you can find out, and that is
enough for you.

And then there is that equally dis-
agreeable person who actually seems
to be a tank of facts. He has more in-
formation than anything else and de-
lights in asking you most extraordinary
questions. When you confess your ig-
norance, he will look upon you with
pity and exclaim, "What, don't you
know?" and then tell you when you
don't want to know at all. For exam-
ple, he is much surprised because you
don't know how long the Amazon river
is. He permits you—may, he insists—
that you should guess, only that he
may the better humiliate you. His
brain is so incumbered with facts that
it is almost useless. Life is too short
for a man to try to constitute himself
a library of universal knowledge when
the reservoirs of such knowledge are
ready to hand when it is needed.

Speaking Italics.

A piece of parliamentary repartee
quite as good as the famous retorts in
the house of commons and our con-
gress comes from a New England uni-
versity. Two students ranged against
each other in debate grew very warm
and took to commenting on each other's
oratorical manner. One of them
spoke with much emphasis, letting the
stress of his voice fall explosively on
certain passages.

His opponent opened his speech by
saying, "My friend on the negative
thinks to win this debate by speaking
exclamation marks and italics."

The other could do nothing at the
moment to turn the laugh which this
speech raised, but when his turn came
he "got back" at his opponent with this
repartee:

"My friend on the affirmative says I
speak italics. I should say that he
uses italics in the way they are used
in the English Bible—not to emphasize,
but to mark what is not original and
inspired."

How Victor Hugo Worked.

Victor Hugo always wrote standing
at a high desk especially constructed
for him, throwing off sheet after sheet
as fast as he filled it till he would be
quite snowed up in leaves of foolscap.
He rose in the middle of the night
to note down an idea or a verse.
He got up for the day usually at 9
o'clock and would devote from six to
eight hours per diem to his work. He
made but few corrections, his poems
being thought out complete in his brain
before he put pen to paper. It is a well
known fact that he indulged in the ar-
duous task of composition while tra-
versing the streets of Paris on the top
of an omnibus. When working out
some great conception, he would spend
hours in this way.

The Khedive and the Rasool.

Even to the adventurers and down-
right swindlers who hung about his
court at Cairo and afterward pursued
his wanderings Ismail extended a good
natured, half contemptuous patronage.
He liked a rogue far better than a fool.
Once, when he had formally forbidden
his door to a flagrant offender, the man,
who knew his character, got a ladder
and climbed into the viceroys room, re-
marking, "I have obeyed your highness's
commands and have crossed your
threshold by the window and not by
the door." The humor of the thing at
once appealed to Ismail, and the offend-
er was reinstated in his favor.

The Kodiak Bear.

The largest known living carnivorous
animal is the Kodiak bear. Although
the biggest creature in the western
continent, the Kodiak bear has the
most limited habitat of any animal in
the world. The island of Kodiak, just
off the western coast of Alaska, is
only place where it is found. The lar-
gest one killed by a white man meas-
ured fifteen feet in length and was six
feet high at the shoulders. Standing
upon his hind legs, this monster would
tower nearly twenty feet in the air.

Saving His Mate.

On one occasion at a crowded per-
formance at the Royal theater in Syd-
ney, N. S. W., a number of years ago
a couple of sailors who had been drink-
ing were seated in the gallery. One
lost his balance and fell into the stalls.
The other immediately cried, "Man
overboard!" and dived after his com-
panion. With the proverbial luck of
drunken sailors the first escaped with
a broken leg and the second without a
scratch.

Where the Shoe Pinched.

Valet—Doctor, don't you find that
master is growing terribly thin?
Doctor—No harm in that, friend. He
was getting too fat. He will be much
better in health when he is thinner.
Valet (disappointed)—Very likely, only
he can't be able to wear his clothes."

Be Lenient.

"You shouldn't judge a man by the
figurs he gives you," remarked the
philosopher. "Some one may have giv-
in them to him."—Cincinnati Commer-
cial Tribune.

COMMENCEMENT DAYS.

THE sweet girl graduate.
In captivating gown,
Again is to the front,
And great is her renown.
She on the platform stands,
Her face aglow with pride,
While relatives and friends
Look on from every side.

With dignity she reads
Her essay on some theme
Suggested by bright hopes
Or optimistic dream.
Ideals she exalts
With brilliancy of phrase,
And at the end there comes
To her the warmest praise.

The bold boy graduate
Is also here again.
With wisdom rarely found
Among the wisest men.
He calmly takes his place
Upon the platform broad,
While relatives and friends
On every side applaud.

With confidence he speaks
On questions that have long
Been baffling older minds
In fixing right and wrong.
His flights of eloquence
Rise hearts of all who hear,
And pervasion fine
Evokes a hearty cheer.

'Tis thus the graduate,
In flush of youth and hope,
Serenely view the tasks
With which they'll have to cope,
But soon they'll learn to learn
By rough experience
That on commencement day
Their troubles just commence.

—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

In Vogue.



"Oh, Grace, have you contracted the
pingpong fever yet?"
"No—er—but I've had appendicitis."
—New York Journal.

Only Eleven Kinds.

"Speaking about the many kinds of
climate to be found in California within
a small area," said the Philadelphia
man, "I had an instance of it a few
months ago. I was visiting a friend on
a fruit farm, and I went out one morn-
ing where he was at work on a shed
and soon felt cold. He noticed me
shiver and asked what was the matter.
"The air feels winterish," I replied.
"Oh, I see. Walk over to that tree."
I walked over and found such a
rise of temperature that I was mop-
ping my brow inside of five minutes.
He noticed it and said:
"I think I got stuck in buying this
place. The seller warranted sixteen
sorts of temperature within a mile of
the house, but I can't make out only
eleven."

Innovation Promised.

"I am a little weary of these conven-
tional stage villains," said the habitual
theater goer.
"So am I," answered the actor ear-
nestly. "The next time I play the part
of a villain I shall make a radical de-
parture. I shall not smoke a cigarette."
—Washington Star.

The Newest Compliment.

He—You are worth your weight in
gold, dear.
She—Oh, that's old. Give me some-
thing new.
"What shall it be?"
"Say I'm worth my weight in beef."
—Yonkers Statesman.

Not Her Fault.

"I heard the master complaining to the
cook that the eggs he had for breakfast
were not fresh," said Mr. Cochon China
to his wife.
"They were fresh when I laid them,"
replied Mrs. Cochon China tartly.—De-
troit Free Press.

Double Vision.

Judge—Have I not seen you twice be-
fore under the influence of liquor?
Defendant—If you were in that con-
dition, your honor, you probably did
me twice.—Philadelphia Press.

Kingston's Big Fair AND CARNIVAL

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Competition open to the World.

Bigger Fair, Better Attractions,
Faster Trials of Speed.

Excursion Rates on all Railway and
Seamboat Lines. 1270-1271-1272-1273-1274-1275-1276-1277-1278-1279-1280-1281-1282-1283-1284-1285-1286-1287-1288-1289-1290-1291-1292-1293-1294-1295-1296-1297-1298-1299-1300-1301-1302-1303-1304-1305-1306-1307-1308-1309-1310-1311-1312-1313-1314-1315-1316-1317-1318-1319-1320-1321-1322-1323-1324-1325-1326-1327-1328-1329-1330-1331-1332-1333-1334-1335-1336-1337-1338-1339-1340-1341-1342-1343-1344-1345-1346-1347-1348-1349-1350-1351-1352-1353-1354-1355-1356-1357-1358-1359-1360-1361-1362-1363-1364-1365-1366-1367-1368-1369-1370-1371-1372-1373-1374-1375-1376-1377-1378-1379-1380-1381-1382-1383-1384-1385-1386-1387-1388-1389-1390-1391-1392-1393-1394-1395-1396-1397-1398-1399-1400-1401-1402-1403-1404-1405-1406-1407-1408-1409-1410-1411-1412-1413-1414-1415-1416-1417-1418-1419-1420-1421-1422-1423-1424-1425-1426-1427-1428-1429-1430-1431-1432-1433-1434-1435-1436-1437-1438-1439-1440-1441-1442-1443-1444-1445-1446-1447-1448-1449-1450-1451-1452-1453-1454-1455-1456-1457-1458-1459-1460-1461-1462-1463-1464-1465-1466-1467-1468-1469-1470-1471-1472-1473-1474-1475-1476-1477-1478-1479-1480-1481-1482-1483-1484-1485-1486-1487-1488-1489-1490-1491-1492-1493-1494-1495-1496-1497-1498-1499-1500-1501-1502-1503-1504-1505-1506-1507-1508-1509-1510-1511-1512-1513-1514-1515-1516-1517-1518-1519-1520-1521-1522-1523-1524-1525-1526-1527-1528-1529-1530-1531-1532-1533-1534-1535-1536-1537-1538-1539-1540-1541-1542-1543-1544-1545-1546-1547-1548-1549-1550-1551-1552-1553-1554-1555-1556-1557-1558-1559-1560-1561-1562-1563-1564-1565-1566-1567-1568-1569-1570-1571-1572-1573-1574-1575-1576-1577-1578-1579-1580-1581-1582-1583-1584-1585-1586-1587-1588-1589-1590-1591-1592-1593-1594-1595-1596-1597-1598-1599-1600-1601-1602-1603-1604-1605-1606-1607-1608-1609-1610-1611-1612-1613-1614-1615-1616-1617-1618-1619-1620-1621-1622-1623-1624-1625-1626-1627-1628-1629-1630-1631-1632-1633-1634-1635-1636-1637-1638-1639-1640-1641-1642-1643-1644-1645-1646-1647-1648-1649-1650-1651-1652-1653-1654-1655-1656-1657-1658-1659-1660-1661-1662-1663-1664-1665-1666-1667-1668-1669-1670-1671-1672-1673-1674-1675-1676-1677-1678-1679-1680-1681-1682-1683-1684-1685-1686-1687-1688-1689-1690-1691-1692-1693-1694-1695-1696-1697-1698-1699-1700-1701-1702-1703-1704-1705-1706-1707-1708-1709-1710-1711-1712-1713-1714-1715-1716-1717-1718-1719-1720-1721-1722-1723-1724-1725-1726-1727-1728-1729-1730-1731-1732-1733-1734-1735-1736-1737-1738-1739-1740-1741-1742-1743-1744-1745-1746-1747-1748-1749-1750-1751-1752-1753-1754-1755-1756-1757-1758-1759-1760-1761-1762-1763-1764-1765-1766-1767-1768-1769-1770-1771-1772-1773-1774-1775-1776-1777-1778-1779-1780-1781-1782-1783-1784-1785-1786-1787-1788-1789-1790-1791-1792-1793-1794-1795-1796-1797-1798-1799-1800-1801-1802-1803-1804-1805-1806-1807-1808-1809-1810-1811-1812-1813-1814-1815-1816-1817-1818-1819-1820-1821-1822-1823-1824-1825-1826-1827-1828-1829-1830-1831-1832-18