

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1906.

BIRTH RATE AND DEGENERACY.

Commenting on Prof. Heron's figures of the London birth rate as related to social condition, the Winnipeg Free Press remarks:

born than the diminished birth rate. On the other hand, in districts where there is an overcrowding of the population, a superabundance of the lowest type of life, where infant mortality is greatest, where drunkenness, immorality and tuberculosis are prevalent, and where pauper lunatics are plentiful, the birth rate is high. The argument that excessive fecundity in the lower stratum of life is time is corrected by excessive mortality, since the latter, in these districts of London—destroyed by Professor Heron's researches. In spite of the necessary subtractions for the higher birth rate, the net fertility of the lower stratum, he discovers, remains higher than that of the superior; and the lower would seem to be steadily gaining upon the higher.

soning to be correct we should be inclined to view the result as a probable means of accounting for the much-talked-of "degeneration." The "undesirable" increase in proportion beyond the desirable, and the great struggle to elevate the masses is made more difficult. But the figures are merely local, it must be borne in mind, and there may be other and unconsidered factors in the case. For generations this bogey has been scaring people, and still we make progress. We shall probably continue to do so.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Secession at the Soo? Is that the result of Whitney rule already?

Berlin sends out a neat booklet with the annual Report of its Board of Trade. Unlike Hamilton's Board of Trade, the Berlin body gets up before breakfast, doesn't go to sleep before supper, and puts in some good work between times.

Water pipe has been shut off for days at

Mr. Brodeur, the Minister of Marine, in pronouncing against the reconsideration of the Provincial subsidies, has indicated where the Laurier Government stands on the subject of the claims of the Provinces. That Ministry is adverse to the Provincial demands, and it is in vain that the people look to Ottawa for justice.—Mail and Empire.

The Hamilton Times wrenches no part of its conscience by fusing with the enemies of public rights.—Galt Reporter.

Far you are right, old man. The Times has always been defending public rights, whether the attackers are corporations or individuals or self-seeking Ministers or officials. It doesn't regard municipal councils, legislatures or parliaments as infallible, and it strongly opposes giving over all utilities to their management. It stands for the people owning and profiting by all monopolistic franchises, and except in few cases it thinks that is more safely and fully accomplished by leasing and controlling than by public operation thereof. Can you understand that?

This is the official report of the state of the building trade in Peterboro:

at houses being erected here for housing

Here is a cure of hay fever that may not come too late for the susceptible victim of that fell malady. The Hospital relates that "a gentleman who was a sufferer from hay fever happened one summer to spend two hours in the refrigerator of a steamer." This cured him and he had no further attacks that summer. As a remedy "cold storage" has objections, but there are victims who would even be cured at the expense of a

say she could lick any man in town.

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Playing the Same Old Game.
(Philadelphia Record.)

Wall street is having its usual convulsion after something has happened. Everybody in the country has now heard that the dividends on the Harriman roads have been raised and the lambs are rushing into Wall

(Boston Herald.)

A peculiarity about the season's mosquito is troubling amateur naturalists. The mosquito of 1906 does not sting. It is as dumb as an oyster. It is a warning of it, too! Not until the beast has supped sumptuously is its victim aware he has been meat and drink for it. But it a fat and indolent mosquito as well as a silent, and its gory remains have to be carried off and buried. The af-

well high extravagant. His instinct lead him to despise the small men who cater to his whims, dance when he pipes and tremble at his very katzenjammers. The gospel of honest dissent is going to be more popular in this country than ever before. We shall hear less of candidates able to "swing the Irish vote" or "German vote" or "the old solid vote," less of self-styled "friends of the people" and more of candidates too honest

The belief that the hours of sleep should be artificially restricted is prevalent. Yet it is contrary to ordinary good sense. If the human body does not need sleep for the upbuilding of its tissues it will not call for it. A rule of health which can not be wrong is to sleep, if possible, as long as any inclination

At last when your gilded and giddy career
Has come to an end, and behold!
A trembling and suppliant spirit you stand
And knock at the portals of gold.
Looking out of a heaven as brilliantly blue
As your grandmother's dishes of delf,
St. Peter will answer—"You cannot come in
But nobody's to blame but yourself.

THE WESTWARD TRECK

As there are three more excursions to be run next month, it is estimated that between 15,000 and 16,000 at least will go from this Province. Of the 4,208 who left on Wednesday of this week only about 3,000 went from the Union Station. The others took train direct

Paris, Aug. 23. —A forest fire broke out at Mont Caume, near Toulon, to-day. A detachment of the 111th Regiment of the Line which was sent to assist in putting out the fire was caught in the valley and before they could escape four men were burned to death.

Went to a House With Object of Entering It.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 23.—William Spain, a negro, 23 years of age, was shot to death by a mob near S. George, Dorchester county, to-day.

KILLED A CAPTAIN.
Daily Assassination in Russia is Maintained.
Stavropol, Aug. 23.—Captain of Police Avgatoff was killed yesterday in neighboring village while attempting to arrest three agitators.

\$10 Round Trip to Atlantic City.
Via Lehigh Valley R. R. from Susquehanna Bridge, Friday, August 31. Last chance this season. Tickets good 7 days. Allow stop-over at Philadelphia. For tickets, particulars call on or write Lehigh Valley R. R., Pottsville, Pa.

Robt. S. Lewis, Passenger Agent, 10 King street east, Toronto.

The funeral of Mrs. Henry Sunley, Eden Mills, was postponed. The grave was so full of water, although the cemetery is situated on high land, that the body could not be interred.

35c Nets 29c
Fine White Cretonne Net, 36 inches wide, suitable for hats, value 35c, Saturday **29c**

day, 17c would be a fair retail price, Saturday **12½c**

Ready-to-Wear Section

Men's Flannelette Shirts
25c

We put on sale Saturday 25 dozen Men's Flannelette Shirts, light and dark stripes, well made, Saturday's price **25c**

8.30	59c	8.30	8.30	99c	8.30
Sharp	Regular 85c	Sharp	Sharp	Regular \$1.25	Sh

3 dozen first quality Granite Pre- 24 only Boilers, number 8 size, 2

value at 25c, on sale at 8.30 Saturday for only 15c	25c and 30c, will go on sale to-mor- row for only 15c
100 Dozen Crown Quart Fruit Jars, per dozen 59c	
CHINA DEPT. Salt and Pepper Shakers, each 5c	GLASSWARE Fruit Dishes, 20c. for

and butter plates, salad dish and pickering, leaving out teapot, these are decorated in neat blue floral patterns, price per set, only

7 lbs. Redpath's Granulated Sugar 27c or 12 lbs. for

To customers leaving an order for other

Bulk Mustard, lb.	19c
Best Red Salmon, can ..	15c
Ceylon Black Tea, 40c. for ..	25c

Groceries to the amount of \$1.00 or

EXTRA SPECIALS

100 lbs. of choice Santos Coffee

THE T. H. PRATT

4 in. black and white Check 1.29c
4 1/2 in. black and white Check 35c

Taffeta Ribbon 25c
5 inch Taffeta Ribbon, in black, white, navy, pale blue, red, cream, and pink makes, pretty hair bows, 25c yd.

Remnants of Silks
We have quite a number of Silks remnants, from 1 to 15 yards and worth up to \$1.25, Saturday your choice at 25c yard.

\$1.00 to \$2.00 Kid Gloves
59c
Just 282 dozen Ladies' Kid Gloves,

Big Sale of Black Dress Goods

\$1 and \$1.25 Black Dress Goods 59c

1,000 yards of Black Dress Goods, handsome French all-wool dress goods

Striped Tweeds \$1.25

46 inch striped Tweeds in grey green mixtures, special \$1.25

Taffetine \$1.00

46 inch Taffetine Cloth in shades of checks, colors purple, green and red

Misses' B. & I. Corset Waists, laced back and buttoned front, in dove only, sizes 19 to 26, worth 50c, Saturday 39c

Boys' Silk Tams \$1.25

Boys' Tucked Silk Tams, with ruche-trimmed silk bows, in white and pink, sizes 4 to 10, worth \$1.50, Saturday 99c

52-inch Clifton Broadcloth, in garter maroon and plum shades, price. \$1.50

Clan Tartan Dress Goods

We have bought this season new every Clan Tartan. They will be a selling thing this season. Prices

..... 25, 50, 75c and \$1.

\$2.50 White Lawn Dresses 99c

3 only White Muslin Dresses, skirt and blouse nicely tucked, with collar and cuff of embroidery and lace, regularly \$2.50, for 99c

20c Sateen 13c

500 yards in all, Black Mercer Sateen, ordinary 20c value, for 1

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