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FATHER VAUGHAN AND PROTEST-
ANTISM.

Father Vaughan's tactless references
to Protestantism have created more
excitement than is seemly or prudent.
They would have attracted less notice
if Father Vaughan himself had been
less noticeable. The Eucharistic Con-
gress, at which he is perhaps the most
picturesque figure, chances to be very
much in the eye of the Canadian peo-
ple just now. Perhaps there are anti-
Catholics looking for cause of offence,
and rather pleased to find it. Catholic
dignitaries, therefore, ought to be
careful not to furnish it. The Papal
Legate and the Archbishop of Mon-
real appear to appreciate this. Their
utterances have been gracious and
studiously conciliatory, as though they
were anxious to atone for Father
Vaughan's indiscretion. His attack
was not more bitter than that fre-
quently made upon Roman Catholicism
by Protestant zealots. It is one of the
privileges of living in an empire which
prides itself upon free speech.

Father Vaughan complains that Pro-
testantism is a "soulless religion," be-
cause, as he says, it lacks the element
of sacrifice incarnated in the Eucha-
rist. Precisely the same reproach
is levelled at Roman Catholicism by
many Protestant polemicists, who argue
that the soul of religion in the ancient
church is smothered under rites and
forms and priestly dictation. In either
case such a charge is meaningless.
It is refuted by the earnest, pious souls
among the adherents of all Christian
churches. These souls are not the
products of "soulless" religions. A creed
is not necessarily religion; there are
many who embrace a system of theo-
logy to the last letter, but miss the
spirit of Christianity. A creed or
dogma may be, and in most cases is,
a means of grace, an aid to salvation,
when it is implicitly believed; but it
is a means, not an end. The sacrifice
most acceptable on high is service
here below. Father Vaughan is better
employed when he is fearlessly attack-
ing the vices of English smart society
—in which he has done real service—
than in inveighing against Protestant-
ism, which, whatever its defects, is
not intolerant in countries where it
prevails. At the same time one can-
not help suspecting that many who are
railing against Father Vaughan are
not the most eminent exemplars of
Christian charity. It was a Catholic
poet that wrote:

For modes of faith let graceless
zealots fight;
His can't be wrong whose life is in
the right;
In faith and hope the world will dis-
agree.
But all mankind's concern is charity;
All must be false that thwart this one
great end;
And all of God, that bless mankind or
mend.

POPULATION AND PRICES.

There is much that is interesting in
the preliminary figures of the United
States census taken the present year.
They tend to confirm the impression
that the population of the cities dur-
ing the last decade has increased in
much greater proportion than that of
the country. The gross increase of
the republic's population in the past
ten years has been from 75,693,734 to
about 90,000,000, or about nineteen per
cent. No detailed exhibit is needed
to prove that the urban increase has
been much greater than this.

Another fact elicited by the census
is that more than one-thirteenth of
all the inhabitants of the United
States are living in one or other of its
two largest cities—Greater New York,
which is given a population of approx-
imately 4,500,000, and Chicago, which
is credited with about 2,400,000. The
growth shown by these two communi-
ties is out of all proportion to what
might be considered the natural and
inherent ratio of development of large
cities. They have outstripped the
great fertile fields of the west in per-
centage of growth and development
and dwarfed into insignificance the
normal expansion of the smaller cities.

Another impression confirmed by
these statistics is that the increase
of city population at the expense of
the rural districts is one cause of the
increasingly high cost of living. There
are today relatively fewer producers
of agricultural products to con-
sumers than ten years ago. It can-
not, however, be fairly said that it is
the sole cause of the great advance in
prices, because it is shown that pro-
duction has also increased. This in-
crease, it is true, is not steady, for
there are years of crop failures, when

there is a great scarcity of grain, and
again years of bumper crops, when
the production outbalances the con-
sumption, and there is liable to be a
lowering of prices. An equally im-
portant contributing factor to high
prices undoubtedly is that with the
increase in prosperity during the last
decade the individual consumption of
agricultural products has correspond-
ingly increased; so that in order to
maintain the balance of relative values
the farm products must increase not
only in proportion to the population
increase, but also to the increase of
average consumption. It would there-
fore appear that the cry "Back to
the land," has not lost its force.

BRITISH INVESTORS IN CANADA.

Mr. C. Keith Morris, investment ed-
itor of the Canadian Gazette of Lon-
don, has been for more than two
months in Canada, spending the great-
er part of the time in the prairie prov-
inces and British Columbia. While
there he has been in close touch with
a number of wealthy Englishmen, who
have invested heavily in western lands
during the summer. He says that old
country capitalists who have come to
Canada this year are no longer seek-
ing for speculation, but for investment.
They are not buying for the purpose
of holding for speculative increase in
values, but with a definite plan for
colonizing the lands acquired. This is
a new not in Canadian land in-
vestments by moneyed men of Great
Britain, and one which is gratifying to
Canadians. It is the spirit shown by
these British investors that does more
towards the peopling and development
of a new country than all the "specu-
lators for a rise" in the world can ever
accomplish.

Mr. Morris, who is in a position to
speak with some authority, declares
that those who have come to Canada
this year are but the forerunners of a
certainly increasing number who will
come later on. In the old country it
is more than ever recognized that Can-
ada presents a field for investment
that no other country in the world of-
fers at the present time, and the move-
ment is hardly yet under way. The
British investor is realizing the op-
portunities that Canada has for the
man who investigates for himself, and
who plans wisely. The better class of
English farmers will be aided and
looked after in moving to the new
land. In some cases ready-made
farms will be provided, and in others
the plan is to put farmers on the land
on half-crop payments or some similar
arrangement. There will be little more
of the pitchforking of men into Canada
and leaving them to sink or swim,
looking only for yearly payments on
land which they take up. In future
they will be looked after, assisted until
they learn the ways of the new life,
and given every chance and aid to
make a success.

Mr. Roosevelt is on the rampage
again, making speeches, trouble and
newspaper copy at every stopping
place.
The Hague tribunal set another
good example: it reached its decision
in less time than many minor courts
consume in minor cases.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier covered 10,000
miles in his western journey, and fin-
ished strong. It is a proof that Sir
Wilfrid's finish, in a physical sense, is
probably a long way off.

Among the prominent men of Lon-
don, death has been very busy of late.
The list of foremost citizens who have
passed away in the past two or three
years is more than usually impres-
sive. Few of the men who were lead-
ers in the community less than 25
years ago are left. It is a melancholy
reflection, but not without its uses.

General French's report on the
Canadian militia is commendatory in
many respects, and its criticisms are
constructive. It will be disappointing
only to those enemies of the militia
department who prematurely crowded
over a misleading forecast of the
report, in which the system was torn to
pieces.

Australia has just projected its first
transcontinental railway. Canada has
one built and two nearly built.
Australia's latest enterprise will mean
an increasing bid for immigration;
but Canada is in a stronger position
than ever to stand the competition.
The process of filling our vacant
lands is a source of general prosper-
ity, but when these are filled Cana-
dians will be no happier or better off,
and conditions here may begin to ap-
proximate to those in the crowded old
world. This is Canada's golden age.
Happily it is likely to be a long one,
as there is a good deal of room yet to
be filled.

SUMMER SCIENCE.
(Lippincott's.)

They say that water, freezing, will ex-
pand. I know it, bursts a pitcher in a
trice. This is a hundred pounds of water
—and

This is about
those hundred
pounds of ice.

QUALIFIED.
(Independent.)

A prominent western attorney tells of a
boy who once applied at his office for
work.

"This boy was bright looking and I
rather took to him.
"Now, my son," I said, "if you come to
work for me you will occasionally have to
write telegrams and take down telephone
messages. Hence a pretty high degree of
schooling is essential. Are you fairly well
educated?"
"The boy smiled confidently.
"I be," he said."

WISE PRECAUTION.
(Success Magazine.)

The day before she was to be married
the old negro servant came to her mis-

treas and entrusted her savings to her
keeping.

"Why should I keep it? I thought you
were going to get married," said her mis-
treas.
"So I is, missus, but do you 'spose
I'd keep all dis money in the house wid
that strange nigger?"

TAKING HIM DOWN.
(Washington Star.)

"The way to run this country," said the
economist, "is to put thoroughly wise, alert,
and honest men in control of all affairs."
"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "but
what are we going to do? There's only
one of you."

EDITION EXHAUSTED.
(Everybody's Magazine.)

A western bookseller wrote to a house
in Chicago asking that a dozen copies of
Canon Farrar's "Seekers After God" be
shipped to him at once. Within two days
he received this reply by telegraph: "No
seekers' after God in Chicago or New
York. Try Philadelphia."

COMMERCIAL TEST.
(Washington Evening Star.)

Who cares if Bacon's mental flights
Inspired those plays of lofty rank?
We know that Shakespeare owned the
rights,
And put the profits in the bank.

MADE A MISTAKE.
(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"I guess I made a mistake. I wouldn't
paint a doorman for the old tenant."
"Well?"
"And now I've got to paint the entire
house for the new tenant."

A MODERN MERMAID.
(Charles F. Lester, in Brownings.)

From social failure she's secure,
This lass of figure trim
For while among the heavy swells
She's always in the swim.

Old Neptune has adopted her,
At least, that is my notion;
A mermaid she upon the land,
A mermaid in the ocean.

Like Thetis, goddess of the sea,
She queens it o'er the wave,
Perhaps it's natural, though the surf
Should be to her a slave.

Upon the breakers' tossing crest,
She floats like any sprite;
I never knew that a brunette,
Could be so very light!

Now, I'll confess that, as the moon
Draws up the tides of ocean,
'E'en so this maiden of the surf
Has drawn my heart's devotion.

Oh, would that, when I take the plunge,
(Although I don't deserve her),
She'd smile upon my bathing suit
And be my life preserver!

LIFE IN CAMP.
(Detroit News.)

Dreaming he lay beneath the stars,
Till the crimson of the dawn;
But when the sun got in its work,
He crawled beneath the awning.

ARGUMENT AD HOMINEM.
(Cleveland Leader.)

Western Judge—How thick, you're
found guilty by the jury. Have y' any-
thing to say why I shouldn't seek y' th'
limit?

SHERLOCK HOLMES IN PARIS.
(Everybody's Magazine.)

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(Philistine.)

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Speed of English Express Trains
(From the Manchester Guardian.)

In last night's Westminster Gazette,
Mr. H. G. Archer publishes an interest-
ing analysis of express running on
British railways, from which it ap-
pears that so far, at any rate, the new
policy of railway combinations and al-
liances has not led to a reduction
either of speed or of long non-stop
runs. Indeed, Mr. Archer shows that
our railways go on improving in speed.
The total mileage of 56-mile-an-hour
runs this year is 6,675, compared with
5,160 last summer. The Great Western
total having been increased from 1,919
to 2,239 miles, the Midland from 816 to
1,208, and the Great Northern from 825
to 1,225. The Northwestern's 1,624
miles is the same as last year, but this
company is easily first in the number
of its long non-stop runs, daily perform-
ing 30 runs of 100 miles or more,
and upwards. Of these 27 exceed 140
miles in length. Mr. Archer gives two
lists, the first of which shows the fast-
est train on each of 16 railways, and the
second the longest non-stop run on
each of 17 railways. We have no longer
the fastest train in Europe for the
Northern Railway of France has since
May 1 timed its crack Berlin
express to the Belgian frontier at
61.8 miles an hour from
Paris to St. Quentin (95½ miles in 93
minutes) and 62.9 miles an hour from
St. Quentin to Equennes (52½ miles in
51 minutes). England and Scotland,
however, remain the only European
countries in which the third-class
passenger can travel from start to
stop at over a mile a minute. Our
fastest train is still the 1-2-3 P. M.
from Darlington to York on the North-
Eastern—44½ miles at 61.7 miles an
hour. The next is on the Great Cen-

MISS ELKINS' FATHER
DENIES THE RUMORS

Says His Daughter is Not to Wed the
Duke of Abruzzi.

Elkins, W. Va., Sept. 8.—Emphatic
denial was made today by Senator
Stephen B. Elkins of the rumors that
he is preparing to go to Paris, or that
his daughter, Katherine, will marry
the Duke of the Abruzzi in February
or at any other time, or that his fam-
ily is to be presented to the Italian
court.

With some impatience the senator
declared that he has denied rumors
until he is worn out, and that he
would like to have it accepted as a
fact that there is no contemplated
union between his daughter and the
Italian duke.
"All these things were denied two
years ago, and there is no more truth
in the rumors now than there was
then," said Senator Elkins.

BONFIRE BYLAW
TO BE AMENDED

Measure Taken to Insure Greater
Safety to Buildings.

The bylaw relating to bonfires will
be amended.

At the meeting of the board of
works last night, City Architect Nut-
ter brought up the matter. He stated
that he had summoned a business-
man for burning rubbish in the rear
of his store on Dundas street. It was
found that the bonfire was 100
feet from a board fence, and very
close to a number of inflammable
buildings. No person was in charge
of the fire. The case was dismissed,
on the grounds that the man had
been in charge, although he remained
in the building practically all the

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