

THE BEE

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TWO-CENT POSTAGE.

"The Government has under consideration the reduction of postage to two cents. Considering the excess of expenditure over revenue in the postal department, it would not appear that the public would be benefited by the change."—Clinton News-Record. While a reduction in postage would be very desirable, the deficit in the postal revenue would have to be made up from other sources, so that in reality we would be "robbing Peter to pay Paul." There are vast tracts of territory in the Canadian Northwest and elsewhere that have a scanty population, and yet the Post-office Department is obliged to establish postoffices, pay officers, and keep in running operation hundreds of miles of stage routes, at an enormous cost to the Department, and deriving therefrom a paltry revenue in return. And this thing must necessarily be kept up for some years to come until those pioneer settlements have become thickly populated and rich in commerce, when the revenue will meet and exceed the expenditure. The United States with a population of sixty-five millions can better afford to reduce their postage to two cents than Canada with only five millions of people and a larger area of territory over which to extend her postal accommodation. In is a question in our mind whether we would be benefited at the present time at least by a reduction of the letter postage from three cents to two, especially when the present shortage in the revenue of the Department is taken into consideration.

THE CENSUS.

Postmaster General Haggart says he expects to see returns of the number of inhabitants in the Dominion published before the end of July. It is a puzzler to many minds to know why Canada is making such slow progress in the matter of population as compared with the United States. This country was explored and opened up to civilization as early as the land to the south of us, and yet we have but a handful of population compared with Uncle Sam. This is a problem that is worthy the consideration of all intelligent thinking Canadians. Let us view the situation from two or three standpoints, and see if we can, in a measure at least, account for the vast numerical difference between the respective countries. Almost every foot of land of the Republic is in a fit state for cultivation, whereas in Canada there are thousands of miles of territory that never will be thickly populated, if inhabited at all by man, by reason of the severity of the climate. In a word, the climate, on the whole, of the States is better adapted to civilization. Secondly, the Republic threw off the yoke of foreign sovereignty and established a nation and people distinctively American, and was early recognized throughout the great centres of population of Europe and Asia as a kingdom, possessing a new and attractive system of government, together with peculiar advantages over monarchy, which drew to her shores many thousands of emigrants who had long since grown tired and sick of monarchical systems of tyrannical rule, and hailed with delight a government "for and by the people." The Declaration of Independence was the dawn of a grand and prosperous nation on the southern half of the North American continent. Canada being simply a colony of Britain was not looked upon then, if indeed now, by the Old World as possessing great possibilities for national growth and development, hence the tide of emigration from the early part of the present century up to this hour has been toward the United States. We venture to state that had Canada united with the Americans in their struggle for independence she would have shared equally with her in the national success that has made the States the wonder of the world. Lastly, we lack the enterprise in commercial undertakings that has been in the past and is to-day, so strikingly characteristic of American life. But we would not have our readers infer from the foregoing that annexation was the only solution of the problem. Far from it. We regard annexation as a slur on our national pride and Canadian manhood. But we would urge upon the young men of Canada to seek to develop a purely Canadian (not British-Canadian) sentiment and nationality. To accomplish this end more patriotic Canadian literature should be introduced into our common school system. Canadian national life must take its root in the public school room. Then in due time we will have fit material for the bulwarks of a distinct-

ively Canadian people and nation, should this be our ultimate destiny. Independence by treaty is what we advocate above all else, and which would put us on an equal commercial footing with the Republic, populate our vast territory, and develop our inestimable resources.

Newry.

Who says Newry has not enterprise? If her big sister Atwood up the road had half the spirit of energy and enterprise per square foot that Newry has there would be no living beside her. If any one is wend his weary way around these diggings and satisfy the longing lingering desire of his heart by viewing our surroundings. First, let him step into our commercial emporium any time between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. and I'm deceived if he does not find Mr. Gee very busy and his shop full of customers eager to be waited upon. Across the road he will find as good hotel accommodation as the country affords. Next let him direct his anxious steps southward down Main street, and the next thing that will enchain his attention will be the streaks of fire and resonant blows proceeding from under the powerful hammer of the village blacksmith and his worthy apprentice C. C. Although the smithy is not situated "under a spreading chestnut tree" it receives and satisfies to the best degree its numerous comers, so much so that these worthies who wield the sledges can not find time to even go fishing. Still further south the pedestrian's attention will be attracted by the bustle and stir around the Newry cheese factory; should he choose to step into the curing room his eye will be greeted by well-filled shelves of first-class cheese. The traveller has only to proceed a little further south and step into the carriage shop of Mr. Humphrey and if he has any artistic fancy he will find ample means to satisfy even that faculty by viewing the neat carriages built under Mr. H's skillful hand, well ironed by Mr. Morrison and artistically painted and striped by the A. No. 1 painter of Listowel, Mr. Stubbs. Mr. H commands a thriving trade and has already turned out a large number of excellent carriages and wagons this spring, besides doing a great deal of custom work for the farming community for many miles around. And then, if after satisfying his critical eye with all this, the traveller has the presumption to say that Newry has not enterprise, he should be—well, it would not be safe for him to come back.

Note Lost.

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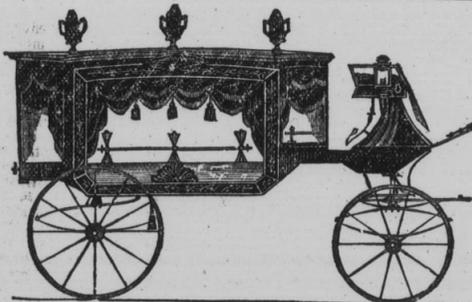
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