

The Ideal Canadian

"He shall have in his bodily frame the erectness, the virility, the soundness of health which his country is so well fitted to produce. His eye will be clear and frank. He will have no marks on him of the profligate and debauchee. He will be an intelligent man, able to see round questions that are worth understanding, and when called on to give an opinion he will not be wanting. He will be a man on whom you can depend, a man of honesty, probity, fairdealing. He will be a courteous man, his courtesy not the servile imitation of the manners of other peoples, but the natural fruit of his own kindness and good sense."—Rev. Hugh Pedley, Montreal.

In the south of France is a concrete arch bridge known as the Pont du Gard, which was erected in the year 56 B. C. The concrete in this was not composed of crushed stone or other small aggregate of the variety now employed in concrete bridge work, but was of the old style, consisting of alternate layers of large and small stones, gravel, etc., and of cimentitious materials. Vitruvius describes the materials and methods in use before the Christian era, and other writers, like Alberti in 1485 and Polladio in 1570 accurately describe the method which "the ancients" (as they call them), employed "of using boards laid on edge and filling the space between with cement and all sorts of small and large stones mingled together." It is very improbable that the Pont du Gard would have withstood the rigors of climate of the Northern United States, but its actual state of preservation, as well as of many other specimens of ancient concrete work, proves that if modern work is honestly executed, it will many times outlast any reasonable bond period, so that a very small yearly sinking fund per cent, is all that is required for properly designed and erected concrete. — Cement Age, New York.

MONTREAL. The St. John the Baptist celebration this year was a tremendous affair, and occupied several days. A procession of enormous size, with many allegorical cars, was a leading feature. A statue of Lafontaine was unveiled in the park called by his name. Between 15,000 and 18,000 visitors came in by the various railways.

KINGSTON, ONT. It is proposed to advance the Firemen's wages by twenty-five per cent.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT. The City has arranged to pay damages to the families of the three railway men who were killed last year by a wash-out from the bursting of the Current River reservoir. They have settled the three cases for \$3,300 and costs, and the cases have been withdrawn.

A recommendation to reduce the number of John streets in London was to come before the L. C. C. Some years ago it was said that there were 80 John streets in London alone.

The Berlin police administration, convinced that many crimes can be best traced by women, is establishing a corps of women detectives. Ten have already been enrolled. Some of them are mere girls. They will henceforth be employed wherever it is likely that feminine intuition will be useful.

The police force on upper Fifth avenue, New York City, has come to be known as the "society squad." Its main function seems to be to protect society women from beggars and pan-handlers.

The London, Eng., County Council is considering the construction of a boulevard from Paddington to Tinsbury Circus, a distance of 4 1-2 miles.

A movement is on foot in the North-western Provinces towards public ownership of the elevators, and the Premiers of the three Provinces, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, have had a conference on the subject.

Within two years since the great earthquake which undid San Francisco

that heroic city has put \$100,000,000 into building operations, of which, according to trustworthy statements, all but \$4,000,000 came from local sources.

Lately a new American carriage and a large wagon have been imported in Matamoras, Mexico. This is the only wagon in the city, all hauling being done by the old-fashioned heavy two-wheel carts.

Southend, Eng., claims the longest pier in the country. It extends 6,600 feet into the mouth of the Thames.

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