

## What The World is Saying.

### Our National Buffalo Herd.

Canada now has a herd of over three hundred buffaloes. It was timely intervention that prevented this splendid animal from becoming extinct.—London Times.

### Fort William and Port Arthur Rival Chicago.

With an elevator capacity of 30,000,000 bushels the twin cities of Fort William and Port Arthur begin to rival Chicago as a grain centre.—Ottawa Free Press.

### A Mother of Mighty Offspring.

The Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and a federated South Africa! Never before was a small island kingdom the mother of such giant offspring.—Victoria Colonist.

### Men and Brothers at Sea.

The passengers on the Cunard steamer Slavonia were rescued by German steamers. It is pleasant when the contest for the supremacy of the sea takes this form.—Toronto Globe.

### One More Male Opinion on Woman Suffrage.

Some women do not want to vote because they would rather be represented at the polls by the men they are acquainted with than by the women they know.—Victoria Times.

### Hanging Gardens.

Some of Constantinople's hanging gardens are likely, if the Young Turks follow their present method of dealing with mutineers, to become even more famous than were those of Babylon.—Chicago Record-Herald.

### The Spread of Fashion.

Civilization advances. The ladies of the court of King Menelik of Abyssinia have journeyed to Paris to secure a supply of European garments, which they have recently taken to wearing. There's hope for the world yet.—Chicago Tribune.

### The Spare Dollar.

The spare dollar occasions one of the most natural and delightful pleasures. No holiday is complete without it, and its general diffusion is the most complete evidence of prosperity.—Vancouver Province.

### Drawing the Line.

Despatches tell us that the Dowieites are looking forward to a new home in the neighborhood of Edmonton. Alberta should not encourage the coming of these lunatics. Let us populate the Province with sane people and keep out the freaks. Alberta doesn't want them.—Lethbridge Herald.

### A Historical Inaccuracy.

A London publication prints a picture of Gen. James Wolfe, breathing his last in 1703. The intention is good, no doubt, but Gen. James Wolfe would have enjoyed the four years just added to his mortal span, if he'd had them.—Guelph Herald.

### British Capital Flowing to Canada.

The decision of British capitalists to invest \$2,500,000 in a dry dock in Montreal, and to make immense extensions to the steel plant at Sault Ste. Marie, may be taken as an indication that the tide of material progress still flows toward Canada.—Montreal Witness.

### The Old Hymns to the Old Tunes.

A Halifax minister has created a sensation by insisting upon singing the old hymns to the old tunes. As the familiar tune carries half the sweet memories that cling around the old hymns, old churchgoers will heartily endorse his protest.—Hamilton Times.

### Loyalty Means Faithfulness.

Teach the boys and girls that loyalty to country means faithfulness to duty in the home and in every phase of civic life—that the heroes of peace are not less worthy than those who died on the field of battle. An inspiration to service is the lesson to be drawn by all of us.—Brantford Expositor.

### The Young Man Laughs.

Every young man has a joyous notion that no evil can befall him. Others may drown or get crushed under cars, but he laughs at risks. It is a delusion of youth, and it is responsible for many tragedies and griefs. Risks should not be taken, and only the foolish take them unnecessarily.—Toronto News.

### Future City Engineers from Alberta.

The University of Alberta is to establish a course of municipal engineering. This is another instance in which the East may well learn from the West. In years gone by, the West has called for the best of our young men. The time may come when the East will be glad to secure the services of the expert graduates of Alberta.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

### A Dangerous Religious Crank.

Sharp, the fanatic who posed as "Adam God" and caused the authorities a good deal of trouble last season, has been convicted of murder in the trial growing out of the religious riots at Kansas City, and has been sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment. Religious cranks are a nuisance always; the armed religious crank is dangerous.—Minneapolis Journal.

### Earned Happiness.

It is related of Rev. Dr. Gregg, who has just died in Toronto, that, in early days in this city, he made all candidates for matrimonial joys learn the Shorter Catechism before he would marry them. Ministers were scarce, and the swains had to study or stay single. So they studied. Cupid can teach a man a lot of things.—Belleville Intelligencer.

### Freedom, With Reverence.

McMaster university stands for "freedom, for progress, for investigation; will welcome truth from whatever quarter, and never be guilty of binding the spirit of free inquiry." Noble words and most opportune, to the authoritative utterance of which the Baptist church is specially entitled and prompted by its history. To freedom add reverence, and you have the religious need of the hour.—Bystander, in Weekly Sun.

### The Extreme of Extravagance.

Howard Gould's wife spent \$70,000 in one year on jewelry and finery. She paid \$1,000 each for tailor-made suits, \$500 for a bundle of silk stockings, \$1,528 for shoes, \$8,000 for a sapphire ring, and so on and so on. No wonder Mr. Gould, rich though he was, wearied of this extravagance and sought a separation with a regular but limited allowance.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

### The New Marriage Law in Washington.

As the result of the adoption of a law in the State of Washington requiring people desirous of marrying to pass a medical inspection, many couples are leaving the state for the purpose of getting married. The theory behind the law may be a good one, but it goes a little further than public opinion justifies. When a man or a woman are willing to take chances it is not likely that an easily evaded law will prevent them from doing so.—Montreal Gazette.

### Canada and the United States.

Fourth of July orators at down state patriotic demonstrations still talk of annexing Canada, but thinking Americans like Mr. Theodore Roosevelt and Mr. Elihu Root frankly recognize that there is room on this continent for two great friendly nations, each in its own way working out the problems of free government.—Windsor Record.

### The Conquest of the Air.

How swiftly the world moves! There is now being held in London an international aeroplane exhibition at which over a dozen types of airships are on exhibition. Not only on exhibition, but on sale! A touring dirigible of a cubic capacity of less than 30,000 feet, and driven by a motor of 16 horsepower can be got for £120, while the Wright machine is offered at £1,400. Other machines cost only £600. The airship is today pretty much where the motor car was twelve years ago; with possibilities of development not much inferior.—New York Sun.

### The Movement of Population.

Already thus early in the season the rush of immigration to Western Canada is unprecedented. A majority of the new settlers are Americans with a good deal of money. The flow of immigration into the front door of the United States is being offset to some extent by that which goes out of the back door into Canada. This is a matter which the government of the country to the south of the line can hardly view with favor, particularly in view of the fact that Canada is getting the cream of the farming population in the Western States.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

### The Way Western Values Advance.

An offer of \$3,000 a front foot has been made and refused for a lot of land on Jasper avenue, Edmonton. With three transcontinental railways running into it, and a vast region to the north awaiting development, almost any price for Edmonton real estate is reasonable.—Hamilton Spectator.

### Railway Trains of Yesterday, and of Today.

A short time ago a freight train passed through Brockville, over the Grand Trunk Railway, composed of seventy-five cars—nearly two-thirds of a mile long. Frequently trains composed of fifty or sixty huge freight cars are hauled by monster locomotives. If some of the original railway men of the big Canadian roads could behold these enormous trains of the present day thundering across the land, how they would stare as they compared the difference between them and the little old wood-burning engines and the little cars and the short trains with the hand-brakes, which opened up this country.—Brockville Times.

### The Way Western Towns Grow.

Twenty-five years ago Calgary was a tent-town and a collection of shacks. A little over ten years ago it had reached the dignity of a town of 3,000 inhabitants. The census of 1901 placed the population a little over 6,000. Five years later—at the special census of 1906—Calgary's population was recorded at 11,967. Two years ago the municipal census gave the city 21,040 inhabitants. And to-day another municipal enumeration is being made which, it is believed will put the figures between 28,000 and 30,000.—Calgary News.

### The Invaluable Rain.

When it rains in the city the people, as a rule, comment on it as an inconvenience—it prevents the keeping of appointments, crowds the street cars beyond endurance, causes umbrellas and rubbers to be hunted for in vain. Of course, reasonable showers arriving occasionally are welcomed for the sake of the trees, lawns, and flowers—although the hose-sprinklers, as a rule answer the purpose. But when it rains in the country that's a different matter. It does a city man good to be in the country on a day when a great rain comes down from heaven and gladdens the thirsty fields. Then the city man learns—or he is reminded of what he had nearly forgotten—that a wet day is not merely a bad spell of weather, but a blessing, a boon, a gift, that makes the world habitable.—Toronto Star.

### A Pioneer of Civilization.

The trumpet of fame is sounded often for the conqueror and the statesman. The men who really pioneer civilization are seldom heard of. The Evening Bulletin of Prince Rupert rescues the name of one of the pioneers from oblivion in the following paragraph: "A missionary who preaches the glories of the up-river country left on the Port Simpson this morning for his ranch at Kitselas. His name is A. J. Kelch, and late last winter he arrived here from Dawson. He has settled at Kitselas, where he owns 100 acres. He says that the land is rich, and that as a fruit-raising proposition he has something that promises to be gladdened. He intends to send away shortly for 300 apple trees."—Toronto Telegram.

### Canada the Land of Opportunity.

We are living in a new country, and new world, free from the trammels of traditions and caste, where a man, and not a man's grandfather, is the master of his fate. We carry our future in our own hands. We have thrown our doors open to the world, and people of many races are coming to us from the borders of the earth. They have heard the call of a new land, which offers a new life, free, virile, and youthful, with the glamor of an unrealized, unfathomable destiny to glorify it. We are not only part of the world's greatest Empire, but something even greater than that, for we are playing our part as a distinct force in history.—London Advertiser.

### Sir William and Freight Rates.

Sir William Van Horne's utterances in London to the effect that the railways on this continent are not charging the public enough and that freight rates both in the United States and this country are absurdly low, sound like an echo of the outgivings of Mr. E. H. Harriman about a year ago. In this connection it is to be noted that when the last Union Pacific dividend was declared at the rate of 10 per cent., a magnificent accumulated surplus was announced when the last C.P.R. dividend was declared at the rate of 7 per cent. It would be interesting to know how much higher Sir William and Mr. Harriman would like to make the freight rates.—Toronto World.