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### The Canadian Lynx.

The Canadian Lynx has a bad reputation, even for a wild cat. It is said to do more harm than good. It eats grouse and other birds, hares, rabbits and squirrels, and will even attack and kill young fawns. It is a fierce looking beast. It has a large head with tufted ears, a powerful body, long legs, and usually a short tail. When alarmed it takes rapid, straight leaps forward, and if hard pressed takes to the trees, which it climbs by aid of its powerful forelegs and claws. When running at speed it looks odd, indeed, for it makes a series of leaps with its back arched, and all the feet coming to the ground at nearly the same time.

### CURRENT EVENTS.

King George has fixed upon Tuesday, March 21st, as the date when he will receive in special audience a deputation in connection with the three-hundredth anniversary of the publication of the authorized version of the Bible.

The Canadian Government has agreed to a treaty with the United States for the entire cessation of pelagic sealing in the Pacific for ten years, conditional upon the conclusion of similar agreements with Russia and Japan.

It is reported that Great Britain will cede to France the colony of British Gambia, the oldest of the British possessions in West Africa. It is entirely surrounded by French territory, except where the ocean forms its boundary; and it contains one of the best harbors in West Africa.

Differences between Russia and China which threatened to end in war are to be submitted to arbitration. There are several questions at issue, among them being the sovereignty over a territory on the western borders of Chinese Tartary.

The United States will fortify the Panama Canal. Instead of being a neutral waterway, open to the ships of all nations, it will be closed at any time at the pleasure of the United States, or at the pleasure of any other power which in case of war may capture and hold the forts.

At the opening of the British Parliament last month, the Overseas Dominions were for the first time represented by

their agents-general. Lord Strathcona was present as the representative of Canada, and with him were representatives from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

The insurrection in Mexico, though not strong or well organized is widespread and persistent. The lesser uprisings in the lesser Central American republics are not yet quite suppressed; but that in Haiti is subdued. In Turkey, the army is said to be in revolt because of the unwillingness of the troops to engage in the suppression of the long standing disorders in Arabia; and there is, perhaps, another Turkish revolution in progress. These little wars, however, are less important and less costly than the great defensive works in which all the Great Powers are engaged, and in which Canada, as a part of the British Empire, is now called upon to bear its share of the expense.

During the coronation period there will be a carnival parade in London, which will surpass in size and beauty anything ever attempted in Europe. The King and Queen will attend the great Empire Concert, in connection with the Festival of Empire; at which there is to be a chorus of five thousand voices conducted by Dr. Charles Harris, of Canada. Another striking feature of the exhibition is to be the representations of the parliament buildings of the Oversea Dominions; which, with other spectacles illustrating life in different parts of the Empire, will be connected by an electric railway a mile and a half in circuit.

The Imperial Steamship Company which has been incorporated in Canada, proposes to run a line of steamers from Halifax to Blacksod Bay, Ireland, that will cross the ocean in three and a half days; and a line of fast steamers on the Pacific, to connect Canada with New Zealand and Australia.

There is a movement in the Bahamas in favor of the admission of the islands to Canada as a Province of the Dominion.

A book recently published in England and America claims to show by means of a cipher not only that the plays to which Shakespeare's name is attached were written by Lord Bacon, which is a theory advanced many years ago, but also that Bacon himself was the lawful heir to the throne of England on the death of Queen Elizabeth. The marvellous tale is that Queen Elizabeth was the wife of the Earl of Leicester, and that Lord Bacon and the Earl of Essex were her sons. But the alleged discovery of another writer is yet more strange. He claims to have proved that