

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Who's Fault?

WHAT is the matter with Canadian Museum men? The American Museum of Natural History in New York has just stolen a march on them.

For two seasons, Professor Henry T. Osborne, president of the New York institution, has led parties of distinguished geologists and ethnologists into the valley of the Red Deer River, Alberta.

These men have made big finds, according to report. They have shipped an early world monster's remains—sixty feet in length—to their museum.

It is rumoured that they have got their hands on a dinosaur, one of the earliest and most valuable historically of the big animal life, which used to run loose before man made his bow to the world.

These Americans, who are taking specimens from Canada to place in the New York museum, have the permission of the Canadian Government to carry on their work along the Red Deer.

Canadian scholars know of the existence of the prehistoric remains in the Alberta valley. Lawrence M.

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### Edmonton's Park Problem.

A PROMINENT citizen writes to the Edmonton Journal asking Edmonton what she is going to do about it—meaning parks, playgrounds, drive-ways, and breathing spaces for new citizens. He remarks that Edmonton is years behind other municipalities in Canada in this regard.

Apart from its purely local significance to Edmontonians, the letter is of interest to every Canadian concerned in city building in the newer districts of the Dominion.

When pioneer settlers begin to stake out a town on the prairie, or beside the bush, and gaze across the acres of waste land about their hamlet, they don't naturally bother much with provisions for children's playgrounds and boulevard driveways.

But at the rate Canadian mushroom towns shoot up, such foresight is



Building the first civic street car lines in the city of Toronto. Whether these shall be operated by the present company or the city has yet to be decided.

Lambe, the paleontologist of the Canadian Geological Survey, was up in the Red Deer country in 1897, 1898 and 1901.

He told the Royal Society of Canada about the vertebrate remains in Alberta. He has published monographs on the subject.

Yet New York museum men are taking our museum objects.

Why?

Here is a chance evidently for a Canadian with some spare cash to investigate the Red Deer country, send up an expedition to rival the American one, and save what dinosaurs, etc., there are up there for the museums of Canada.

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### Example of Canadian Marchioness.

"KEEP it down to a paragraph anyway."

So spoke a Canadian girl in Vancouver the other day. The ubiquitous reporter was on her trail.

The lady was the day's sensation in Vancouver. She had achieved notoriety in an unusual way for a Canadian girl. She possessed a title and she was travelling! A city editor saw a good thing: two columns, at least, of racy, slushy stuff about pretty Canadian girl who had married a British aristocrat, and was now touring the world.

But when the reporter went to interview the Marchioness of Donegal, nee Miss Violet Twining, of Halifax, he found the Canadian titled lady cordial, but modest.

There are not many Canadian girls with titles. Canadian mamas have not adopted the New York title-catching craze. It is interesting to note in a case of a Canadian girl of title that the glamour of her new position has not affected her dignity.

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Edmonton was a fur post twenty-five years ago. Now she is one of the big places of Canada, capital of a province.

This modern city wants parks. She needs them.

Had an effort been made years ago to set apart land for park purposes, Edmonton would have no park problem. The park land which she is dickering for now, she would have obtained much more cheaply.

For real estate values in a fur post are somewhat lower than in a metropolis.

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### Pleasant Memories.

WITH the entrance of the new Vice-Regal regime at Ottawa, newspapermen and others are digging up all sorts of mementoes of the Duke of Connaught's previous visits to this country. House party pictures with the Duke as guest, yellow with time, are fished out of drawers. An Ottawa minister, Rev. George S. Clendinning, recently preached his Sunday morning sermon using a prayer book, on the fly leaf of which was the Duke of Connaught's signature, and the date, 1896. The congregation filed up after the service to inspect the book.

This is national sentimentalism. But it is harmless.

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### New Policy of H. B. Company.

MR. THOMAS SKINNER, London director of the C.P.R., walked into Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's office in Montreal the other day and told him what the Hudson's Bay Company contemplated doing out West.

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