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CANADA'S PROGRESS.

There is much of interest in the figures given in the report of the Department of Trade and Commerce on the progress of Canada. A blue book just issued includes information and statistics with regard to the production of grain, trade of foreign countries and of Canada, tariff changes and matters of commerce generally. As regards natural progress it is estimated that the population of the Dominion at the end of the last fiscal year was 5,640,554, which is an increase of some 200,000 over the previous year, and is more than double the population at the time of Confederation. Owing to the failure of several banks during the year, the paid up capital of chartered banks has been reduced from \$65,562,130 to \$64,040,535. There has been an increase of almost \$10,000,000 in the issue of Dominion notes, although the notes issued by chartered banks show a shrinkage from \$7,510,402 to \$6,153,394. Deposits in chartered banks show a decline for the year of some \$23,000,000, government savings deposits remaining stationary. The total decrease of value in all banks was practically the same as the decrease in chartered banks.

The post office department there has been a very marked development of business. Almost 500 new offices were opened during the fiscal year, making a total of 11,323 in operation during the period included in this report. The letters handled numbered 3,642,100 as against 3,544,000 in 1908. The post card had shown no decline, the increase over 1908 being some 7,000,000, bringing the total number sent through the mails up to 40,964,000. The revenue for the year was \$2,481,165 as against \$7,708,142 in 1908 and the expenditure \$3,831,340 compared with \$4,048,877.

PEACE AND SIGHT.

Many a man is breathing a sigh of relief these days as he looks at the season of spring cleaning is drawing to an end. After being pursued from one part of his house to another by mice and dusts and leading a more or less nomadic life even in the precincts of his own home, the man is at last given an opportunity to sit down in peace. He is also given a chance to wonder what happened to most of his treasured belongings during the progress of the campaign and he usually exhorts more than three guesses before the question is answered to his satisfaction. Few men try to find the reasons for any operations conducted under feminine guidance and the one who cannot find his favorite pipe, or the book he was reading ready for use, may as well sigh and take it philosophically. The same thing has happened every year since Adam and Eve took lodgings in their first cave and is likely to continue for as long a time.

WHY THIS SECRECY?

Has the Board of Trade adopted a new policy or was it merely a whim which led to the last batch of circulars regarding the work of the Board being sent out inscribed with the motto "Confidential" and bearing the urgent request "kindly keep this information from the press?"

What is there about the visit of a British capitalist to our land that the subject should be approached only after the secretary has put on his gum shoes and his mask and taken his trusty dark lantern in his hand. Far be it from The Star or any other member of the press to pry into the dark secrets which surround the efforts of the Board of Trade to secure a new industry for the city. If the board wishes to hide its light under a bushel it is, of course, our duty to stand by and admire its modesty. We would like to be able to compliment the board on the scouting service it has organized by which members are assured the earliest news of the great man's approach will be received. As the matter is strictly private, however, our lips are sealed regarding this or the other features of campaign to lure the capitalist to "our midst." We would be glad to express our approval of the suggestion that the members of the Board should each write a personal letter to the eminent gentleman, telling of the surprising advantages of Saint John as the site for a pulp and paper mill, but this also we must withhold.

While respecting the wishes of the Board we may perhaps be pardoned if we express the opinion that a little more publicity would not do the city any harm. In those western cities where the work of developing a town has been reduced almost to a science the Board of Trade regards advertising as one of its chief excuses for existence. Every opportunity is taken to set forth the advantages of the local-

ity and the more free advertising the Board of Trade can secure the more its services are appreciated. The papers of St. John are at all times willing to do their share towards assisting the growth and development of the city and can fairly claim to have done their part in the past. There does not seem to be any good reason why they should be treated with the profound suspicion which this latest outburst indicates and we do not think it represents the sentiments of all the members of the Board. The utter absurdity of sending circular letters to two or three hundred leading business men and expecting that the newspapers will not hear about the scheme, is apparent to all. The St. John papers knew the contents of this latest circular perhaps as soon as any of the members of the Board. Comment has been postponed in order not to interfere with the plans proposed, but at this late date no harm can be done, and the suggestion of greater publicity may be beneficial.

Mrs. Sharp—So you told Mr. Jones you wished you were single once more, did you?

Sharp (with quick wit)—Only that I might have the happiness over again, darling.

He—How is it you are always out when I call?

She—Just luck.

Lady (to applicant for post of caretaker)—And your name?

Applicant—Mrs. Edge, please, ma'am. Spell with a 'h', same as the 'edge' outside!

"Have you anything around here that a fellow could do to earn a meal?" "Yes. There are a number of things that—"

Hubbubs—Hello! Subbubs. Have you a good cook now?

Subbubs—I really don't know. I have not been home since eight o'clock this morning.

PLAYING CHECKERS. Sometimes at night my father'll say, "Get out your checkers, Ned!" Well, try a rubber, you and I. Before you go to bed.

And then we'll play, and if he beats, why, father'll kind of smile. And say, "Now, set your wits to work. This little game's worth while."

But if I beat the first two games, he'll yawn, and then he'll say, "Set your wits to work. This little game's worth while."

But sunny likes to play."

AN IMPOSSIBLE COMBINATION.

They were talking of the strange lights to be seen in the city, and one man paid his tribute to New York. "I don't believe one of you could combine all these circumstances that have at some time occurred on the streets there," he said.

"I know I reckon of one that never occurred there," said Hiram Fowle. "What's that, asked the other."

"I guess," said Hiram slowly, "that you've never seen nor ever will see a brass band going in one direction and the herd of the cows going the other."

CARLETON GO, TO HAVE

A NEW COURT HOUSE

Tenders are being called by the Carleton County Council for the erection of a new court house.

The court house will be erected in Main street, on the lot next to the record office. The new building will be connected with the record office and will have a frontage of eighty-three feet and will have a depth of ninety-eight feet. It will be entered through an arched sand stone entrance corresponding to the entrance of the record office. To the right and left of the entrance hall will be large offices and a petty jury room.

The court room will be a large spacious chamber situated at the end of the hall. It will be about fifty-two feet square and will have a twenty-four foot high ceiling, finished at the junction of the walls with a heavy ornamental plaster cove. The ceiling will be paneled off with matched beams. The walls will be broken into panels by large plaster pilasters finished with ornamental plaster capitals. To a height of five and a half feet the walls will be paneled in birch stained and finished with mahogany.

Above the plaster will be painted in oil colors and decorated. At the rear of the court room will be judge's, barristers', stenographers', a library and toilet rooms.

Overlooking the court room will be a large gallery to accommodate 200 people and which will be entered from the hall on the second floor. The rest of the second floor will be taken up with offices.

The building will be pressed brick, with sand stone trimmings. The base from grade to waterable will be of slate. The interior fittings will be lighted with electricity, heated with hot water and fitted with all modern conveniences.

"Nell Frode of this city is the architect."

At Last! A Perfect Face Cream

After years of scientific experimenting we have produced a face cream that is perfect.

SANTOL FACE CREAM

The Oxygen Face Cream

Is based upon nature's own principles. Oxygen is nature's great beautifier—

Santol Face Cream acts with marvelous results on the skin, neutralizing all impurities and restoring the beauty nature intended it to have.

Santol Face Cream is a perfect cleanser—soothing and refreshing and absolutely pure. It contains no grease and can be used at any time, for it is instantly absorbed into the pores and will not soil the daintiest fabric or the finest gloves. Pure white.

Delicately scented, agreeable and effective. Positively will not promote the growth of hair.

25c. everywhere

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SATURDAY SERMONITEE

HELPING PEOPLE.

Helping people does not depend upon wealth or great ability.

We often talk about the 'good' we would do with our money if we were only rich.

The greatest benefactors the world has known have not been rich. A kind heart and a desire to be helpful are the only assets required to live a helpful life.

Little children can be helpful. I saw a little child who could not talk help a car of people. The street car was blocked and as it was the noon hour men and women were cross and scowled and frowned at the car.

Just then a colored nurse came in carrying a bright faced baby about a year old. The baby's face was so sunny and she cooed and cooed and laughed so brightly that in a moment the scowling men were smiling at the baby and each other. And a year old baby had done it.

We can help each other if we will with kind words and little helpful acts.

On a train one day I noticed a tired travel-worn woman with a baby in her arms and two children at her skirts. The children were tired and cross, and the mother was worn out with the care of the children and a sleepless night, but I never thought of trying to help them, neither did any of the other passengers. But a young lady richly and fashionably dressed came in and in five minutes that girl—a lady to her finger tips—saw what none of us had seen, and in a little while the mother was sleeping and the baby was resting in her arms and the boys had stopped their fretful wailing and crying and were with clenched faces, playing as carefree as if they were at home. When the good Samaritan got out at her station I caught a glimpse of her face. It was the face of a girl who belonged to the King's Daughters; but I did not need to see the pin to know she was a daughter of "The King."

I learned my lesson and I think some poor travelers have had pleasant journeys that they would have had, if I had not met the "Princess" that day on the train.

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TOO MANY WOMEN

SUFFER IN SILENCE

When the Blood is Weak or Out of Order Disease is Inevitable

Many women go through life suffering in silence—weak, ailing and unhappy. The languor and bloodlessness of girls and young women, with headaches, dizziness and fainting spells; the nervous ailments, back pains and failure of strength of wives and mothers; the trials that come to all women at the turn of life, are caused usually by impoverished watery blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have helped more women to the joy of good health and robustness than any other medicine in the world. These pills actually make new, rich, red blood, which restores the strength of the body, feeds the starved nerves, strengthens every organ, and makes weak girls and women healthy and walk with the step of a queen.

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RIVER PIRATES ARE

CAPTURED AT LAST

Have Long Escaped American Police by Taking Refuge in Canada.

GOODESBURG, N. Y., May 14.—Two brothers, James and Frank Peterson, alleged members of a gang of river pirates who, for a long time occupied the police on both sides of the boundary, robbing St. Lawrence summer homes on the American side of the river and escaping to Canada with the plunder, were sentenced today to serve five years in the penitentiary at Kingston, Canada, after being captured by American officers who pursued them as far as the boundary, but were captured at last by a Morristown, N. Y., constable, who ignored the fine points of international law and followed them into Canada, handcuffing them at the point of a revolver, notwithstanding his authority ended when he crossed the line.

YESTERDAY'S FATALITIES.

Many Killed by Explosion, Drowning and Tornadoes.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 14.—In an explosion today on the quarter-boat No. 3 at Codges Key, about 20 miles from here, on the Key West extension of the Florida, East Coast, railway, three men were instantly killed and twelve others badly injured.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 14.—Twenty-five persons were hurt, several seriously, and much property was damaged by a tornado which struck Mount Washington and Fairmount Park, suburbs, at dark tonight. It is believed that five of the injured died.

HACKENSACK, N. J., May 14.—Five persons, four girls and a young man, members of a party of eight, were drowned tonight when a boat in which they were attempting to cross the Hackensack River during a storm capsized. The remaining three swam ashore.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., May 14.—At least two people were killed and fifteen injured by a tornado in the vicinity of Great Bend tonight. Scores of houses were wrecked.

GIVING THE AUSTRALIAN

JOURNALISTS A GOOD TIME

PART WILLIAM, Ont., May 15.—After enjoying the profuse hospitality of Winnipeg journalists, the Australian delegates arrived here this morning and were met by the mayors of this city and Port Arthur, and a large number of prominent citizens.

The party was taken for a sail along the harbor, shown how wheat was loaded aboard the ship, and given a tour of the city. The toast of the C. P. R. was received with enthusiasm and the speech of Mayor Peller elicited continued cheers. Port Arthur was visited in the afternoon and the delegates were delighted with the progress of the town. They sailed at four o'clock on the steamship Keewatin, being given a hearty send-off by a large gathering. They expect to reach Toronto about ten o'clock by special train from Owen Sound.

DOG POLICEMAN

ARRESTS THREE MEN

NEW YORK, May 14.—Three men were arrested by Jim one of the dogs of the Parkville police station, and locked up on a charge of vagrancy. The arrests were made singly, by a dog and while Policeman Scully followed the way to the station the entire credit for the capture belongs to the canine policeman. The men all had automobile tires on their arms, and when they were unable to tell just how they got there, they were arrested.

Jim is one of the youngest of the nine dogs of the Parkville station. Despite his youth, he is one of the best trained animals in the department and has long held the record for both obedience and sagacity. The dog left the station with Policeman Scully and started out to patrol the Ocean parkway.

As the two neared Church avenue Scully was surprised to see the dog suddenly rush down the avenue. He followed, and about a hundred feet from the parkway found that Jim had knocked down a man and was standing over him, while two others were held at bay by the animal with their backs against a fence.

One of the three could explain, so after telling Jim to let the man up Scully took the three to the station, with Jim following at their heels.

THE HAPP