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THE WESTERN CENSUS.

There are a whole lot of interesting facts in the report of the 1901 census of the Northwestern provinces which has recently been issued. These departmental reports are usually about as absorbing reading as a dictionary, but occasionally they contain information of some interest. In that section of the census report devoted to family census and conjugal conditions, it is noted that in the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, there were in 1901, 212,214 unmarried men and only 138,250 single females. Thus if all the women and girls in the provinces set to work this year to secure husbands there would still be 114,964 men left to sew on their own buttons. Briefly, there were three men for every woman in the country. This is an even worse condition than existed in 1901.

There were 128,413 unmarried males and 114,444 unmarried females, so that the men's chances in leap year were considerably better than they are now. Under ordinary natural conditions an even balance is maintained between the census at birth. In older countries it sometimes happens that females outnumber the males and the men's chances for marriage are thereby appreciably increased. In older countries the opposite has been found to be true. Young men from the older countries seek their fortunes in the new and the migration of the unmarried women calls to maintain the balance. Thus all men in the western provinces are now threatened with the deplorable fate of dying old bachelors unless there happens to be a concerted movement of women towards the new fields. Another interesting schedule in the census report is that it gives the nationalities of the people now living in the west. In 1901 it was shown that 66.32 of the population were Canadian born. In 1906 this percentage had fallen to 54.94, this decrease indicating the probability of an equalization of native born and foreign born within a comparatively short period should the present rate of emigration be maintained. Those born within the British Empire numbered in 1901, 74.40 per cent. of the total population which fell in 1906 to 70.81 per cent. Those born in the United States increased on the other hand from 4.95 per cent. in 1901 to 11.22 per cent. in 1906. There was a slight increase in the five years in those born in foreign countries, the percentage in 1901 being 19.45 and in 1906, 15.27. These percentages, however, accurately convey accurate information. The total British and American born in 1901 were 249,683, and in 1906 no less than 658,666. The foreign born numbered 93,829 in 1901 and 150,197 in 1906. Manitoba, the oldest of the three provinces, increased its rate of 147 per cent. from 1871 to 1901, and 145 per cent. from 1901 to 1906, but the rate declined to 67 per cent. from 1901 to 1906. In the territories the rate of increase was 109 per cent. for the first ten years, 77 per cent. for the next period, and 146 per cent. from 1901 to 1906, and 170 per cent. from 1906 to 1901. The smaller rate of increase in Manitoba during recent years is caused to some extent by the movement in the new province of farmers from the older provinces, and not alone by the increase of emigration in the newer provinces from other countries. But in this case percentages are misleading, for while the rates in Manitoba show a decrease there was a very marked increase in actual numbers. In the first decade the increase was 37,022, in the second 90,246, in the third, 102,567, while in the fourth period of five years it was 110,477.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

A tabulated statement issued by an official journal in Berlin contains striking evidence of the energy with which Germany has set about to complete her so-called new navy. Under the new navy bill Germany will shortly have a total of nineteen warships under construction exclusive of twenty-four large torpedo boats, and an unknown number of submarines. There are now on the stocks four Dreadnought battleships, one fifteen thousand ton armored cruiser, four protected cruisers and two special warships. Seven other large ships—three Dreadnought battleships, one ten thousand ton armored cruiser, two protected cruisers, and one gun boat—are provided by the 1908 estimates and will be immediately commenced. Within a very few weeks there will thus be under construction seven Dreadnoughts, three invincibles, six protected cruisers and three smaller craft. Only two, both of the larger battleship class, will be afloat during the present year.

McKEOWN'S FIGHTING SPEECH IN LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

**Demands That Due Credit be Given the Late Government—  
An Able Exposure of the Weakness of Promises  
Made by Mr. Hazen.**

FREDERICTON, May 4.—The Legislature settled down to business today and although not yet under full headway has made a good start. Practically all the reports are now in and several bills have been introduced including the most important government measure of the session, the Highway Act. The committee will be at work before the end of the present week.

After routine business was disposed of today Hon. Mr. McKewen spoke in reply to the address. He made the most forceful speech that has been made during the session. If the members of the government have deluded themselves into the belief that the opposition was dead and that the upstart statements concerning the policy of the late government made during the campaign and since were to be allowed to pass unchallenged, they are now convinced otherwise. Mr. McKewen's speech, which was largely a reply to that made by the Premier, is generally characterized as a fighting speech. While this is unquestionably true, the speech was not in any way a personal attack upon any one but a strong defence of the acts of the late government and a fair criticism of his opponents. In concluding his remarks Mr. McKewen made the same promise as Mr. Robinson, to consider every question on its merits, but while doing this the interests of the people would not be neglected by the opposition.

Mr. McKewen, referring to the paragraph in the address touching the development of the winter trade of St. John, showed most conclusively that the credit of the success which has attended the winter trade was due to the action of the Dominion Government, he said, which appears to be recognized by the words of the speech from the throne. "Then," asked Mr. McKewen, "when it is admitted that the Liberal Government at Ottawa has done so much to develop this magnificent trade which this year has been increased by \$1,000,000 over any preceding year, why not give the men who advanced this great project the credit? But where," he asked, "has there been a word of praise uttered from gentlemen on the opposite side of the house for the late Mr. Blair, Mr. Emmerson or the Hon. Minister of Public Works?" Instead of praise, Mr. McKewen pointed out that they had received nothing but abuse and misrepresentation.

In replying to Mr. McKewen later the Provincial Secretary made the amazing statement that "not very much had been done by the government of St. John to assist St. John." Why Mr. Fleming ignored the fact that the government of Canada had contributed the subsidies which brought the steamers to St. John, ignored the fact that in 1907 and 1908 the Dominion government kept dredges at work almost constantly at Sand Point, ignored the fact that the Dominion government spent in the same years upwards of half a million dollars in the construction of the new intercolonial pier, to say nothing of the dredging done in the past two years besides making provision for the construction of a new wharf. There was never a more lamentable exhibition of a lack of knowledge of what has been done in St. John by the Federal government than was made by Mr. Fleming at today's session. How he could have failed to discover what the Liberal government at Ottawa has done to make St. John a great port, living, as he does, within 200 miles of St. John, is an example of one of those mysterious afflictions of blindness which occasionally descend upon politicians.

Mr. McKewen punctured the statements of Mr. Hazen concerning the cold storage warehouse at St. John—an enterprise, he pointed out, was an absolute necessity to the winter port plant, which had cost between \$150,000 and \$180,000, including the Federal grant. The original guarantee was \$60,000 on a plant to cost \$110,000 and he did not see that the government had taken any step in offering to introduce legislation to increase this guarantee by \$50,000 when it had been shown by the company that \$60,000 more than was originally estimated had been expended. Mr. Fleming's only reply to this was to produce in a loud voice that it was very bad legislation. Why, he failed to say.

The weakness of the highway act did not escape Mr. McKewen, who described it as a political measure, which would require a large expenditure for the 300 or 400 officials that it was the entering wedge to throw the whole burden of the cost of maintaining the roads on the municipalities. It contains no provisions for a sudden emergency, like the washing out of a road or a bridge. Under former legislation this had to be provided for by the province. Under the new law the highway board would have to provide for the cost of the ordinary fund. It was a complete reversal of the methods pursued in the past, and could not be endorsed by the opposition.

Mr. McKewen said that it was a political machine to assist the government to maintain power.

Passing to the Central Railway Mr. McKewen showed in clear and concise language the value of that road in developing the great coal industry of Queens and Sanbury counties. From a beginning of 800 tons in 1902, the ton-

nage of coal hauled over the railway had increased in 1907 to over 30,000 tons. In 1908 there had been an average of 600 tons of coal a month hauled over this railway, and the amount was continually increasing. He pointed out that there had been net earnings of over \$6,000 in 1907, and with the increased traffic in coal and as the cost of operating the Central Railway was greater than that of other railways, Mr. McKewen was able to show that the 84 railroads reporting to the railway department at Ottawa 24 of them had larger operating expenses than the Central. The value of the railway and its excellent equipment were also touched upon by Mr. McKewen. Mr. Fleming utterly failed to answer any of Mr. McKewen's statements concerning the magnificent work the Central is doing for New Brunswick, but contented himself with reading from the speeches of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, whom he described as an optimist. It did not seem to strike Mr. McKewen as much coal as Mr. Pugsley is gradually being realized and that in another year at most the Central will be a statement and end the railway. It is a statement and end the railway. It is a statement and end the railway.

Another question which received careful attention at the hands of Mr. McKewen was that of school books. He pointed out that it was only on the question of readers that there was any dispute as to prices as between the government and opposition speakers. To settle the controversy for good and all he suggested that the board of education have prepared a tabulated statement showing the cost of all text books in the different provinces. He would be willing to accept as final such a statement and end the controversy. As the matter stood at present it was only one assertion as against another, and the public is in doubt which to accept. He pointed out that the reason readers were sold at present prices in Ontario was because the book was sold at a profit and was to be replaced by another. It was estimated by the government that it would take about 18 months to get the new series of books. For this reason readers were invited for readers during the interim. It was an opportunity for the publisher and they tended below cost on the principle that whatever they could get for the books was clear profit. Mr. McKewen might have added that the government of Ontario now find that it is going to take more than 18 months to get the new series of books. The accounts of the old readers having been exhausted, the contractors refuse to supply books at the prices arranged beyond the period tendered for. The bubble of cheap school books has surely burst—a fact which is dawning with considerable force on the members of the present government, who find themselves face to face with new conditions on the school book question. This accounts for the reticence of the attorney general and the provincial secretary.

One of the amusing features of the debate was the hole into which Mr. McKewen placed Mr. Maxwell on the prohibition question. There has been no more pronounced advocate of prohibition than Mr. Maxwell, but when Mr. McKewen twitted him with his inability to get any new series of books, he was wearing a pair of D. BOYANER'S perfect fitting eye-glasses. Don't delay, but call at 35 Dock St.

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KIRK BROWN AT THE OPERA HOUSE LAST EVENING

Popular Actor and His Excellent Company Gave a Splendid Performance of "Raffles."

Kirk Brown and his splendid company opened a two weeks' engagement at the Opera House last evening, presenting in a thoroughly satisfactory manner "Raffles." Mr. Brown needs no praise; he has long since won the approval of St. John theatre goers, and his return this season is the welcome of an old friend who steadily gains in popularity. As usual he held the centre of the stage throughout the entire action of the piece and received repeated curtain calls. His work is finished and artistic, far above the ordinary run, and last evening he was in his usual good form. Mr. Brown's company this season includes many former favorites, chief among them being Miss Margaret Fields, and Theodore Bird. Both were very warmly greeted, and both sustained their parts with their accustomed ability. The interpretation of the amateur detective role by Henry Crosby was perhaps slightly overdone, but Mr. Crosby was consistent throughout and shared in a marked degree the honors of the evening. Miss Dow, Miss Dillman and Miss DeVale carried their parts to the entire satisfaction of the very large audience, and the remainder of the company offered a splendid support. Raffles will be repeated this evening and will no doubt draw a crowded house such as it deserves.

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HANSON—In Everett, April 28, William Soran, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Hanson (nee Paul), 11 months, 6 days.  
Funeral services were held at the residence of his parents, 3 Oliver Place, Thursday, April 30, at 2 p. m.  
WETMORE—At Bloomfield Station, Kings Co., Friday morning at 9 o'clock, Clayton D., youngest son of Eva S. and W. E. Wetmore, aged 9 years.  
WINDER—At St. John, N. B., on May 4th, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D. R. Kennedy, at 208 Duke street, Thomas Winder, aged 72 years, leaving two daughters.  
Funeral service at house at 4.30 to 7 p. m. Interment at Montreal. (Montreal and Glasgow papers please copy.)  
BRENN—Suddenly, in this city, on May 4, Susan May, beloved daughter of Thomas W. and Mary J. Brenn, leaving mother, father, three brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss. (Boston and Vancouver papers please copy.)  
Funeral Wednesday, 6th inst., from her father's residence, 84 Moore street. Service at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.  
FLAGLER—In this city on Monday, May 4th, 1903, Florence H., beloved daughter of Jas. S. and Ella E. Flagler, aged 19 years.  
Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m., from 185 Princess Street.

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OTTAWA, May 5.—In connection with the work which has been undertaken by the National Battlefields Commission, and which includes the making of the necessary arrangements for the Champin's tercentenary celebration the following statement is officially sent out by Mayor Garneau, of Quebec, chairman of the commission: "All subscriptions given either by private individuals or by public bodies other than the Dominion government, will be applied strictly and solely to the work of redeeming and beautifying the battlefields and not in connection with the Champin's tercentenary fetes."

"At present the aim of the commission is to purchase the land necessary to redeem the battlefields of the Plains of Abraham and of Ste Poy, and not to appropriate such buildings as the jail and the Ross Rifle factory. The commission desires through the various subscriptions to obtain before the arrival of the Prince of Wales also \$500,000 in order that the announcement may be made at that time that the title to lands not at present vested in the crown is concerned."

"Arrangements are about to be made for the systematic collection of subscriptions throughout Canada under the supervision of a central committee at Ottawa."

The board of management of the Seamen's Mission Society will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at 105 Prince Wm. street. The building committee will make a report.

"I seldom make a mistake," said the man, as he placed the lighted end of his cigar in his mouth.

"But when I do," he continued, "I rectify it immediately."

Struck the cigar and went on with his conversation.

"Mamma, is the old black hen going to be sent away for the summer?"

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The roads of old, how fair they gleamed  
How long each winding way was deemed  
To childish feet as waves that beat  
About the sunbeams in a pool.

The river road that crept beside  
The dreamy adobe-bordered tide,  
Where fish at play on Saturday  
Left some young hopes ungratified;

The valley road that wandered through  
Twin vales and heard no wind that blew;  
The cow-bell's clank from either bank  
Was all the noise it ever knew;

The woodland road whose windings dim  
Were known to watchers straight and slim;  
How slow it moved, as if it loved  
Each listening leaf and arching limb;

The market road that felt the charm  
Of lights on many a sleepy farm,  
When whirling clock and crowing cock  
Gave forth the marketman's alarm;

These all renew their olden spell,  
With rocky cliff and sunny dell,  
With purring brook and grassy nook  
They bordered childhood's country well.

And we who hear them tend to dwell  
Can but the same sweet story tell,  
That on them went young-eyes content—  
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