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Subscribers are asked to pay their subscriptions to the agents when they call.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

As a great number of our subscribers are interested in the Census Guessing Competition, for which prizes were offered to the persons coming nearest to the correct enumeration of the population for the Dominion of Canada, a given out by the Minister of Agriculture from the results of the cent census, we wish to advise the readers of THE TELEGRAPH that no announcement had yet been made by the Minister of Agriculture.

As soon as the Hon. Mr. Fisher has made the official statement showing the results of the Census, the coupons will be sorted out by the Press Publishing Association of Detroit, and the announcement made of the prize winners in the SEMI WEEKLY TELEGRAPH for several issues, so that all may know who the successful competitors were.

This will save our readers and ourselves any trouble of correspondence in regard to the competition.

THE TELEGRAPH PUBLISHING CO.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 16.

Press Publishing Association,

Toronto:

Official figures are Five Million, one Hundred and Thirty-eight thousand, Eight Hundred and thirty, but they are not.

A. BLUE,

Director of Census.

As soon as final figures can be ascertained, the awards will be made.

Press Pub. Ass'n

DR. McLEOD IN YORK.

Dr. McLeod has issued a card to the effect of York which has a strong resemblance to the first political manifesto distinguished relative, Hon. George Foster. Dr. McLeod says he has no ground and this is probably true, although the axe-factory when his Hon. George E. Foster, held the reins of this country, and as a member of the Prohibition Commission he received the treasury some \$10,000. It is also strongly in favor of a election and in this he again illustrates his cousin, who would sit for Kings county it money or a glass of rum were his behalf. Yet Mr. George was unequaled for corrupt practices. That Dr. McLeod, like his Foster, should start his active career as a Prohibition candidate, is a country resounded with the name of Prof. George E. Foster and it is quite probable that the monthly revenue had grown to exceed what it had been under the higher previous rates, while the revenues at the same time came much more near to meeting the expenditures than had previously been the case. It is an old maxim that facilities for business stimulate business,

and it is very pleasant to find that our post office department under the existing regime at Ottawa has been able to attain such an excellent record as that now presented.

DOCKS.

The local committee which has left for a trip to the United States to inspect docks will see possibly little that will prove of value to them, for the reason that tidal and other conditions at St. John are different from those which prevail along the American seaboard. They will find the largest dock at Newport News, Va., a timber structure more than 800 feet long, in an earth excavation beside the harbor front and owned by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, whose extensive yards and works adjoin the dock. The construction of this dock was easy, as the excavation was simple, and the owners had every facility and material close at hand. If the committee go a little farther south, to Port Royal, they will find another timber drydock, which is owned by the United States government and was constructed for naval purposes, but has proved a failure because the contractor was not an experienced builder and because the location was wrongly selected. At neither Philadelphia nor Baltimore will the committee find as large or as efficient docking facilities as at Newport News. In New York and Boston they will find a number of smaller docks and various marine railways and similar devices, such as balance dry docks, but among them all only two or three stone docks, those at the Brooklyn navy yard and at the Charleston navy yard in Boston. These stone docks are all small and old fashioned. At the Brooklyn navy yard they will also find a timber dry dock which has been constructed by several successive contractors in a disadvantageous swampy place at very great expense on account of the inexperience of the men who undertook the work. They will find at the Erie Basin in Brooklyn, N. Y., the three timber dry docks that do more commercial work than any others in the United States, and at East Boston they will find marine slips similar to those at Dartmouth and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. If they wish to see the best stone masonry dry docks in North America they will have to go to Halifax and to Esquimaux, B. C., while at St. John's Nfld., they will find a timber dry dock constructed with equal skill and by the same firm as has produced the best work in that line in the United States. The best floating dock they will find in Bermuda. Of wet docks the committee will find none on this side of the Atlantic, because there are no places excepting St. John particularly demanding such accommodation. When the committee return home, however, they will find that a natural pond formation at Charlottetown affords every superior facility for the construction of a minimum size of a dry dock which could be made to afford ample accommodation for our larger part traffic and yet with Liverpool, England, in facilities for either wet dock or dry dock use.

GLOWING PROSPECTS FOR OUR MILLS.

It is certainly very gratifying that our new cotton mills company has been launched upon such an eminently substantial basis, in such a short space of time since the inception of the movement, and entirely with local capital, as is now recorded in our news columns. The success of such an undertaking speaks volumes for the business ability of St. John, and in view of the great benefits that must inevitably accrue to our city from the operation of this industry, in our midst, it will be the wish of everyone that such practical profits may be attained as to amply reward the investors for their risk and encourage them to still further develop the enterprise. To successfully promote such an enterprise was decidedly no small task and that the promoter in this instance has been one of our foremost citizens, ready to shoulder responsibilities which many men would shrink from, and finally to hand over the business to the new organization without any cost for promotion, has been a feature of good fortune with which few new corporations have been blessed, and guaranteeing the heartiness and the toughness with which the work has been done.

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sulted in the return of Mr. Alex. Gibson, Jr., the government candidate, over the opposition candidate, Dr. McLeod. In the present contest, the same issues are presented and the same candidates are nominated. The only difference today is that the Laurier administration is firmly seated in power by the will of the majority of the Canadian electorate, and the decision has not resulted in any of the dangers or evils which many well-meaning citizens predicted must follow a Liberal victory. On the contrary the people of Canada have viewed with satisfaction the continued success which has met the efforts of the present administration. The prosperity of all classes has continued and increased. At home peace and plenty have replaced the hard times with which in former years all trades were but too familiar; dissensions and race jealousies have slowly but surely given place to a unity of interests and a community of feeling. Canada has taken her proper place in the forefront of a sane imperialism, which has strengthened the empire in its hour of trial. Abroad this nation has inspired a new respect, a respect not born of foolish vapors or hysterical bragadocio, but of the demonstration of purpose which a united people have shown by act and word to maintain unshaken the best traditions of the home land in this greater Britain beyond the seas.

And so the electorate of York may, with greater assurance than was possible even a short twelve months ago, vote their confidence in a government which has fulfilled the brightest hopes of its most optimistic admirer. It has given Canada a clean, honest and efficient administration, and has met the grave difficulties raised by extended dominion and the empire's trials in a manner which has caused Canadians to be proud of their nationality. The verdict of the 28th instant cannot in fairness be sought else than an expression of confidence in the Laurier administration.

AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS.

The United States navy is short of officers. It is likely to continue short as long as the fleets continue to be augmented without a corresponding supply. The officers of the American navy under existing conditions, have to be graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and every student at the academy must be the nominee of a member of congress or the executive before admission, the number of nominees being limited to a certain number from each section of the country. There is no possibility of an enlisted sailor rising to higher rank than that of a warrant officer, under existing conditions, although during the civil war a few volunteer marines from the merchant service were granted full commissions in the navy and attained regular promotion. They, however, were his popular with the naval academy men, and in fact were rather ostracized, although their records did not show lack of efficiency in comparison. If the Americans wish to make their navy a popular service and efficient as well, they can do no better than by affording facility for a man to rise from the ranks through his own efforts, instead of requiring, as at present, that all naval officers should be the creatures of political preference.

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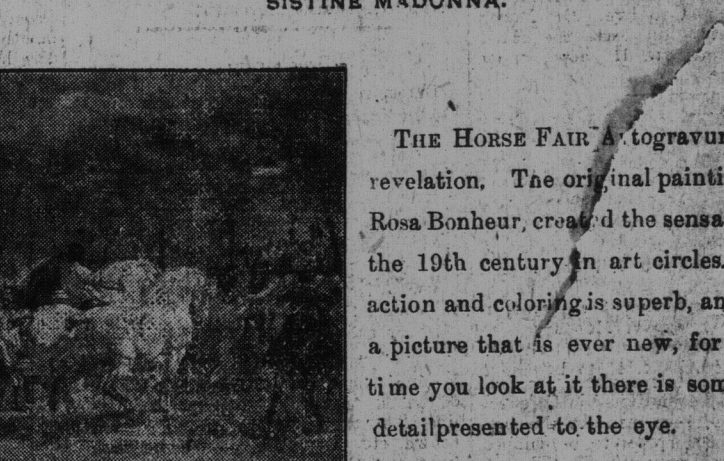
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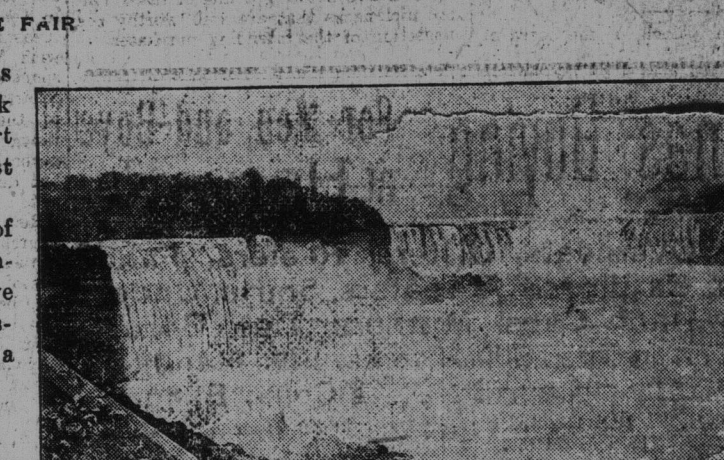
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