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The King's Printer at Ottawa, Dr. Samuel Edward Dawson, is in his 72nd year. He does not look it. Inquiry a few days ago as to the rumor that he had asked for superannuation and that it was about to be granted met a frank, unqualified and cheerful denial. His declaration en that occasion that he was "neither dead nor moribund" has already gone the rounds of the Canadian press. Dr. Dawson, though of slender build, has an eye and a complexion which any man of twenty years younger would envy. His physical powers have shown no signs of impairment. In and out of season he has since 1891 filled to the satisfaction of both Conservative and Liberal Governments the post he now holds. He has at his back a staff with a capable superintendent whose duty it is to order the purely technical requirements of the Printing Bureau. But the King's Printer has a larger task. He must play practically the part of a Deputy Minister



on the one hand—and by the way he bears this title—but, on the other hand, the post of headship is an institution which calls for a combination of a large measure of technical knowledge, tact and firmness. Dr. Dawson has to handle the affairs of what is largely a department, but he is constantly within telephone range, so to say, of every other department in the public service.

And his recreation is his annual attendance on the sittings of the Royal Society of Canada, of which for literary merit he is a fellow, and presently honorary secretary. Samuel Edward Dawson was born in Halifax in 1833. He was son to Benjamin Dawson, who after coming to Montreal became a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. The present King's Printer had something to do with the forming of the Dominion Bank Note Company and the Montreal News Company and the Montreal News Company. He was a member of the Protestant School Commission of Montreal. His affiliation with the historic Dawson book firm in Montreal seems to have given his mind that literary bent which was rewarded in 1890 by his decoration by the University of Laval with the degree of Doctor of Literature. He was made Queen's Printer in 1891. In the same year he was delegate to the the same year he was delegate to the International Copyright Confer-ence in Washington. In 1893 he was made fellow of the Royal Society of Canada of which he is now secre-tary.

#### Water and the Human Body.

Comparatively few people know what a large amount of water the human body consists of. A man weighing 200 pounds is made up of 120 pounds of water and 80 pounds of solids. The latter includes bone, muscle, etc. Even the fat of the body contains 15 per cent. of water, the liver is made up of 69 per cent. and the blood of 83. The skin contains 72 per cent., the brain 75 and the muscle 75.

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It may be naturally supposed that a fluid so universally distributed throughout the body must constitute a very important article of its existence. Experiments have shown that on water alone life may be sustained as long as fifty-five days, whereas if dry food only were given death would ensue in a quarter of whereas if dry food only were given death would ensue in a quarter of that time, and this in a most agonizing way. The terrible agony that shipwrecked mariners sometimes suffer in this way will induce them to drink sea water, and this adds a hundredfold to the uncontrollable thirst that induces delirium and death.

#### Wemen Make Poer Detectives.

The manager of a detective agency who had warned women not to re-ply to his advertisement said the other day:

"Outside of special lines in department store work women do not make good detectives. They look at facts as they want them to be, not as they are, and work on those lines. they are, and work on those lines. They jump at conclusions quickly and cling to them beyond all reason. They work for spectacular effect and not for landing the goods.

"A woman detective is sometimes successful in entrapping a man, but there must always be an element of personal passion or revenge in it. If this is the case you are not sure of her.

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"With their own sex women sleuths are not good at all. Clever women criminals can always play on their credulity and vanity. Women detectives in fiction, except in the field of high diplomatic circles, are untrue to those we find in real life."—New York Press.

#### Rebuked the Duke.

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When commanding the warship Galatea some years ago the Duke of Edinburgh called in plain clothes on an admiral, who rebuked him with the stiff greeting, "I should have been very happy to receive your Royal Highness on any other occasion, but unhappily at this moment I am expecting a visit from the captain of the Galatea." The Duke went back to his ship and put ea his uniferm.

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quirement. In its natural state, it is found in many parts of the world, but in only one place to perfection, and that is the Island of Trinidad, one of Great Britain's numerous possessions in the West Indies.

Trinidad's great pitch lake, which is the chief wonder and attraction of the island, is situated in a low, sandy stretch of the southwest coast, near Cape Corbaray. The surrounding country is low and malarial, in striking contrest to the high hills and rich woodlands to the coast further back.

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The laborers are all negroes, even the coolies shrinking from the heat and low fevers of the place.

The lake itself is about a mile in diameter, hard at the edges and softening toward the middle. The surface is continuelly characterism.

softening toward the middle. The surface is continually changing, apparently from subterranean action. Little oases of dry land, and even trees and shrubs, will disappear in a single night and fresh islands of soil be reared in other places.

The lake is in all probatility merely an unusually large deposit of hitumen or soft coal, that has undergone its transformation from decaying vegetable matter in contact with water, and too near the surface for the earth pressure above to harden it thoroughly.

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Hundreds of negroes the year round toil at the lake's edge, taking out cargo after cargo from the supply that seems never to diminish.

The asphalt crust is broken up with picks and crowbars, and is loaded on dump-carts, drawn by a single mule. The carts crunch through a long, sandy road down to the wharf at the water's edge, where the load is dumped and carried by wheel barrows on board of lighters, which in turn carry it out to ships, lying a half mile out in the shoal water.

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The rough lumps of pickings and The rough imps of pickings are hotsted on board in baskets and piled in the hold, where they sink down into a compact mass, requiring a fresh filling the next day, and so a fresh filling the next day, and so on till the solid eargo is completed. When the vessel reaches its port of discharge the asphalt has to be brok-en up again before it can be removed from the hold.

Owing to the viscous quarry of the native "pitch" it has, in the course of ages, filtered through the sand soil around the lakes, and of these great fields the asphalt is, if anything, better of the star of the second than the same of the second than the second that the second than the second than the Owing to the viscous quality of the er after its filtering process than the original deposit.

And now, said the old friend of the family, I suppose you are ready to climb the ladder of fame? I'll have to, I guess, replied the ollege graduate, if there isn't any

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DANGER IN EARLY RISING.

New York Medical specialist Says & Conduces to Madness.

All the spiritual descendants of Sancho Panza, that finest eulogist of slumber, should bless the name of Dr. Selden Talcott of New York. Dr. Talcott is a specialist in mental diseases, and he declares that the habit of early rishe declares that the habit of early ris-ing conduces to madness. "The free and lazy savage," he says, "gets up and lazy savage," he says, "gets up when he feels ready and rarely or nev-er becomes insane." Dr. Talcott's pro-test should be considered carefully by his fellow countrymen, who, even more than the British, pride themselves on their active habits. Recently, we be-lieve, there has been founded in New York a society whose members pledge themselves not to take more than four hours' sleep in the twenty-four. It would be interesting to follow the health and life histories of those who keep this pledge, for we do not suppose that there is anything dangerous in early rising in itself, but only in the combination therewith of going to On the whole, it is better to obey the

old proverb and "go to bed with the lamb and get up with the lark." But it is a different thing when one combines the attempt to fulfill the latter part of the advice with a habit of gone the state of the advice with a habit of gone to had with the nighttende. Yet ing to bed with the nightingale. Yet the increasing strain of business compels early rising in those who would succeed, while if they want to combine pleasure with business they will find it impossible to get to bed before midnight or even then, for our amuse ments seem to begin and end later every year. The energetic people who go in for this fashion of life are apt to assure others, and themselves also, that they do not require much sleep, and undoubtedly it is possible with practice to do with much less than the normal amount of rest. It is important, however, to remember that such a habit cannot be indulged in without a corresponding sacrifice of health.-Lon don Hospital.

#### Parisian Beauty of Today.

now, says the ungallant M. Marcel Prevost. Lots of them are pretty; you never see a plain Parisienne; but the prettiness is of the toilet. Plainness is dissimulated by art. Those engaging looks are manipulated. The color comes and goes, and one's maid can fetch and carry it, as Lady Teazle said of a contemporary. But M. Prevost is of a contemporary. But M. Frevost is impartial between the sexes. Masculine beauty, he alleges, does not exist in France. Taine one day, talking to his class at the College de France about the renaissance types of man hood, exclaimed, "Ah, gentlemen, how ugly we are nowadays!" M. Prevost agrees with Taine. In any assemblage of Frenchmen, he declares, the apparition of a really handsome man would excite injurious gossip. He would have to go home and disfigure himself to retrieve his character. This is carrying the prejudice of plainness rather

California Elk Preserve. The California elk is to be saved from extinction. Henry Miller, the cattle king, is arranging a preserve, immune from gun and dog and the civilized things which harry forest dwellers, where the elk may live on in peace and even increase. The cattle king will be able to carry out his praiseworthy scheme because already he owns about all the California elk which lift their antiers today. He never bought them with money, but he went into their wild haunts and saved them from the destruction which was wiping their species out of existence. The elk which he now owns compose what is probably American elk which it will be possible to save.

What the Czar Would Be Here is a confession from the ezar of all the Russias: "I love traveling, but only when I can do it in my own way. I never travel otherwise than at night and spend my day visiting mu-seums and quaint old streets, bazaars when I am in the east, antiquarian shops when I am in the north. I am more of an Asiatic than a European in my tastes, and I have not only a vast collection of Indian curios and quite an army of Buddhas, large and small, but also a library composed of books treating of Indian subjects alone and another of books dealing with Egyptian law. Were I not-well, what I am, I should be the greatest bookworm in the world."

Bennett Shuns the Kaiser.

One of the curious features of the Gordon Bennett automobile race was the absence of James Gordon Bennett the donor of the cup. Mr. Bennett has never made any secret of the fact that he regards the kaiser as a dangerous man, whose political plans and policy must be opposed to the uttermost, and he has consistently exerted his influence in the press in this direction. It is understood that Mr. Bennett came to America for the express purpose of avoiding the necessity of going to Homburg.

Even Boston Slips a Little, If we are to believe the scientists, Boston is slowly sinking into the sea. The datum plane, to which all eleva-tions are referred by the city engineering departments, shows that after a lapse of seventy-two years we are .70 of a foot nearer the sea than we were. In other words, the land of Boston and vicinity is sinking at the rate of about e foot ner 100 years.



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