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## The English Census.

The announcement is made by cable that the census recently taken shows that there are in England and Wales now 32,525,716. This is a gain of over three and a half millions in the last ten years, and when we take into account the very large immigration that annually takes place, it proves that the English are a pretty veritable race yet, despite the prophecies of their detractors of years ago and even at this day. For the purpose of comparison we give the population of England and Wales at each census during the past 100 years:

1801	8,892,536
1811	10,164,256
1821	12,000,236
1831	13,896,797
1841	15,914,143
1851	17,927,609
1861	20,086,224
1871	22,712,268
1881	25,974,439
1891	29,002,525
1901	32,525,716

How Malthus and the fearful ones of 100 years ago would open their eyes today if they could gaze on the spectacle of the supposedly crowded England of the last half of the eighteenth century with a population four times greater and still growing. These investigators then believed that the limit of England's ability to feed her population had been about reached when the population was under nine millions; now it is 32 millions. Yet they tell us that in many parts of the country workmen are today scarce. She is a really wonderful country, and though men there who assert that now, as it was alleged 100 years ago, she has reached her zenith, and must begin to go back, as other great powers did which preceded her, there are no indications of that decadence, and there is not a well-wisher of civilization and progress who will wish that that day may soon come. It will not come if her sons and daughters be true to those principles which enabled their forefathers to build up a great world-wide empire, which has never yet been equaled by any other.

## Will Speak Up for Canada.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Eaton, the eloquent Baptist minister, who will shortly leave Toronto for Cleveland, says his belief in the future greatness of Canada remains unshaken. In Dr. Eaton, who is one of the manliest of Canadians, this vigorous northern land will ever have an outspoken and sympathetic advocate, wherever he may be. There are compensating advantages in planting influential Canadians in the United States.

## Exhilarating Down-Easters.

A Vermont medical man, Dr. Grinnell, of Burlington, has made investigations into the use of narcotics in the State named, and he is astonished at the facts laid bare. The statement which he makes is almost incredible. "In the regular drug stores and in 160 of the 172 general stores in the State there is sold every month 3,300,000 doses of opium, besides what is dispensed in patent medicines, and besides what the doctors dispense, which gives one and one-half doses of opium to every man and woman in the state above the age of 21 years every day of the year. By dose, I mean one grain opium, one-eighth grain morphine, one-half ounce paregoric, and 20 drops laudanum. The amount consumed each month means a half-dose for every man, woman and child in the State every day of the year." Dr. Grinnell adds that the facts on which this statement is based were conservatively considered. In some cases information was refused; in these he made no estimate, and he considers the showing of consumption would be even larger if all the sales could be tabulated. The doctor does not give any explanation of this under use of narcotics, but it is ascribed by others, in large part, to the difficulty of obtaining intoxicants in places where the prohibition law is enforced. That is to say, there is a considerable class in the community who are bound to have artificial "exhilaration," and if they cannot get drinks that "stimulate," they will take poisonous drugs. To many people who thoroughly enjoy life without either agency, and in addition enjoy better health, this conduct may appear foolish, but there seems to be no doubt that there is a good deal of truth in it.

The unsanitary London police cells must go. Nor should any time be lost.

A newspaper statistician has been figuring out that hundreds of thousands of dollars were necessarily sunk in the Toronto Globe and the Toronto Mail before either of those papers became the paying concerns they now are; to say nothing of the defunct Toronto Empire, into which a quarter of a million was uselessly emptied. There is one thing, if a paper of long-standing has taken a lot of money as well as effort to establish it, it is generally equally difficult to extinguish.

## London—1837 and 1901—Judge Robertson.

On a sultry day in August, 1837, there arose an unwonted commotion in the quiet little town of London, about which the great primeval forest of Western Ontario stretched in a projecting circle. There was a distant rumble of drums, and presently a flag or two fluttered into view. The villagers, wearing their smartest holiday attire, began to gather expectantly into little groups in the grass-margined main thoroughfare. The uncertain rumble developed into a rhythmic beat of drums, and the Thirty-Second Regiment of Her Majesty Queen Victoria swung into view. The regiment was halted at a point near where the Tecumseh House now stands, and the adjutant, holding aloft in his hand a royal proclamation, exclaimed: "The King is dead. Long live the Queen." The band struck up the National Anthem, and the soldiers, elevating their busbies on their muskets, cheered three times, with a tiger. This was the manner in which Victoria's accession to the throne was greeted in her distant Canadian Dominion.

In the crowd who witnessed the simple ceremony was a sturdy youth, who watched the affair with unfeigned delight. He was the present Mr. Justice Robertson, one of the oldest and best known of Ontario judges. It is 64 years since—a generous lifetime—yet the scene is impressed as vividly upon his mind as though it had happened but yesterday. It is an interesting fact, illustrative of the marvelous scientific and mechanical progress of the century, that although Queen Victoria ascended the throne on June 28, 1837, the news of the event did not reach this London of ours until Aug. 2. The other day, Britons, in every part of the world, exclaimed, at almost the same moment: "The Queen is dead! Long live the King."

## Dr. Scadding's Successful Life.

His career illustrates how gladly a long life may be spent without great wealth or great position. Dr. Scadding had neither, yet the peace and beauty of his life might well be envied by many who have both in the greatest extent. If he had taken for his motto the words of Epictetus, that man's happiness does not consist of acquiring great possessions, but in limiting his desires, he could not more successfully have fulfilled the philosopher's conditions for a happy life. The acquirement of some old tome in reference to the early history of Canada, or of some stained print or map that constituted a link in the historic chain, engrossed the acquisitiveness that in other men is expended on more material things. Indulging tastes thus easily ministered to and doing what good he could to his fellow-men, the venerable divine grew old slowly and bravely, and sank to rest amidst an esteem that was virtually confined to no creed or class.—Toronto Globe.

## Noises of the Night.

A correspondent writes a local contemporary respecting the unmelodious, ear-defying efforts of certain young gentlemen to acquire proficiency in the military bugle, at the expense of the auditory nerves of persons endeavoring to exist in the neighborhood. Another reader calls attention to the blood-curdling screams suddenly emitted at uncanny hours of the night from the throat of a peacock kept in a thickly-populated section of the city, with the effect of murdering human sleep. Where is the propriety of sending missionaries to the Senegambians, so long as there are rattlepates whose ideal of loving their neighbors as themselves allows them to kill the repose of the sick and the tired by keeping a screaming peacock? Add the wailing cats, the barking dogs, and the admirable persons who bawl everybody awake as they go home boisterously singing, and one gets an idea of the thoughtfulness for others that distinguishes some people!

## Setting the Sun to Work.

From time immemorial men have realized that the greatest power in the universe is the sun. Until of late, however, very few attempts have been made to utilize the immense possibilities for practical mechanics. There is in operation in San Diego, California, a sun-motor, which consists of a series of mirrors set in a concave circle thirty feet in diameter. This is so poised as to be automatically adjusted to the sun, while in the midst of the blazing rays reflected is a small but exceedingly stout steam boiler, upon which the concentrated rays from all the mirrors fall. Within an hour after sunrise, until a few minutes before sunset, the engine continues to run, and is used to pump water for irrigation purposes. The sun as a motive power may have other achievements in store.

There seems to be a doubt in some minds as to whether one should say, "The United States is" or "The United States are." We would naturally prefer the former, suggesting as it does the idea of national unity, and we maintain there is no violation of the rules of grammar in the use of such an expression. When speaking of a number of units in a collective sense, it is quite in accordance with good usage to use a verb in the singular. But the Chicago Chronicle, referring to the subject, states that "John W. Foster's labored argument in favor of referring to the United States as a singular noun is far-fetched and foolish, as well as inaccurate. The United States are not dependent upon a grammatical

error for their nationality, and no good cause is likely to be advanced by mutilating the English language."

We are glad to observe from the Hamilton Spectator that our former townsman, Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., for Hamilton, who has been ill, is recovering, at all events physically; The Advertiser is not so hopeful as to his recovery politically. Your Uncle Samuel is one of the London Old Boys who have come to the front.

At the coming meeting of the United States Presbyterian General Assembly, the question of a revision and shortening of the creedal statement will come up for discussion. The creed subscription is only for ministers; it may not be generally known that the individual members are not required to subscribe to any doctrinal statement. As for the creed revision for the ministers, here is the expectation of that breezy paper, the Chicago Interior:

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## Gardens.

[Bacon.]

God Almighty first planted a garden.

## Resolution and Performance.

[Benjamin Franklin.]

Resolution—Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.

## Tragedy and Comedy in Life.

[Oliver Wendell Holmes.]

Every articulately-speaking human being has in him stuff for one novel in three volumes.

## Meaningless Resolutions.

[British Weekly.]

The passing of meaningless resolutions is the most demoralizing form of ecclesiastical activity.

## The Ideal.

[New York Evening Paper.]

Slang should be discouraged, because it impoverishes language, freeing its users from the necessity of choosing words accurately.

## Most of Us Gray.

[British Weekly.]

One dislikes in novels people who are ready-made types—good or bad. Real people are not just black or white; most of us are gray.

## Table Manners.

[Chicago American.]

It is of the greatest importance that parents and teachers instruct children in table manners early in life. The consuming of food is a rather vulgar performance at its best, and unless conducted with leisure, refinement and grace can be made very offensive to observers.

## ONTARIO SIXTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

Interesting Reminiscence of a Pioneer of Windsor.

The Windsor Record publishes some interesting reminiscences of Mr. Sterne J. Ball, a resident of Windsor, who recalls many events of the troublous times of 1837-38. He was at that time an officer in the 4th Middlesex Volunteers. In the course of the interview with the Record, he said:

When the rebellion of 1837 broke out, Col. Ball was residing near London, then Canada West, and was commissioned by Sir John Colborne to raise a battalion for active service, which the colonel did in short time from the first, second and fourth battalions of Middlesex Militia. He appointed a number of young men as officers, many of whom afterwards became prominent in the legal and other professions of Canada—John Wilson, who became Judge Wilson; D. J. Hughes, who is the present judge of the county court of the county of Elgin; the late H. C. R. Becher, who was made a Q. C., and others. The appointment of such young men did not please the older officers of the Middlesex Militia, and they petitioned Sir John Colborne to annul them, but the petition was not granted. On the



"After having a mishap, I suffered with pain in my left side and a lingering cough which grew worse and worse," writes Mrs. Cora Brooks, of Martin, Franklin County, Georgia. "Last spring I got past doing anything and my husband went to the drug store and called for Wine of C—, and the merchant recommended Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, so he bought one bottle. I began to take it as directed in the pamphlet wrapped around the bottle. The book said if the disease was complicated with cough to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Favorite Prescription' alternately, and Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, on rising every morning. Mr. Brooks went back to the drug store and got the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and I took it as directed. The cough left me at once and I began to get better so rapidly my husband was astonished at my improvement. I am now able to work on the farm and also do the washing for two families."

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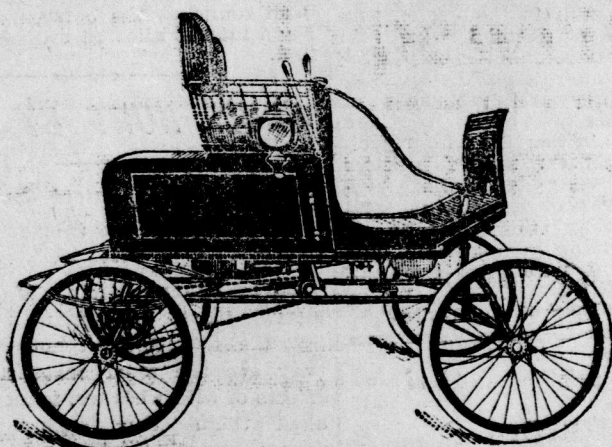
contrary, Sir John confirmed them, and thanked Col. Ball for the efficient manner in which he had placed the battalion. It took about three weeks to get the battalion in shape after the call to arms had been issued. The battalion was attached to the 22nd Regiment of regulars, stationed at London, and afterwards ordered to the front, marching to Gosfield by way of St. Thomas. Some of the volunteers took part in the battle of Pelee Island, in February, 1838, when the "patriots" retreated across the island, closely pursued by the regulars through the deep snow. However, the main body of the "patriots" managed to get to the American shore, after losing thirteen men killed and forty wounded, and a number taken prisoners. The regulars lost two killed and had twenty-eight wounded, and one volunteer from St. Thomas was killed. The prisoners were taken to London under a guard furnished by the fourth battalion, and they had all they could do to keep the prisoners from being set upon by the people as they passed through the country, so bitter was the feeling against them. Among the loyal people who came to the front at that time were 200 Indians from Delaware and 200 colored men from Kent and Essex.

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