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by declaring in reply to the latter's question that he did not know anything about Professor Leacock or his works.

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Away down in Natal, South Africa, a Cabinet Minister went out on a little shooting expedition and it is feared that he has been devoured by a crocodile. After all, Canadian cabinet ministers are free from dangers of that sort, although there are minor discomforts in this temperate zone.

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Some Mexican gypsies arrived in Carleton, New Brunswick, and manifested a desire to spend some time in that pleasant neighbourhood. But the hen coops in the vicinity of Carleton began to look lonely and bare and the Sergeant was so out of sympathy with the Romany tribes as to hasten the departure of the gypsy queen and her courtiers. This is an age when old-fashioned romance is treated without ceremony and is straightway hustled out of town.

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An order-in-council has been passed setting apart a tract of land in Alberta as a forest park to be known as the "Jasper Forest Park of Canada." Why can't they call it something short? But it will be known as "Jasper Park" anyway. Now is the time to reserve these national parks before the corporations have taken all the Alberta soil for their own sweet selves.

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Mr. Ernest Thompson-Seton has returned from his trip to what was once called the "barren lands" but which he describes as a fertile district. He has seven hundred photographs and material for ever so many books. The famous writer is going to England to tell the people there about the beauty of the "barren" district but he indignantly repudiates the suggestion that he is an immigration agent.

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"The Streets of Paris" bazaar, recently held in the city of Ottawa, has come under the severe censure of both the Presbyterian and Methodist ministerial associations. The former passed a resolution in condemnation of alleged gambling methods, and the latter, although not formal in disapproval, regretted that so worthy an end should be supported by such means. "Tainted money for tuberculosis" does not sound well.

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A Walkerton judge has affirmed that a Dakota divorce does not "go" in Canada. Not yet, nor even soon. The Sioux Falls civilisation is not regarded with favour on this side of the line.

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That fine old stormy petrel, Joseph Martin, is flapping his wings once more and crying out in his own far-heard style about Asiatic immigration. It's good to hear from Joseph again, now that Mr. Henri Bourassa is in temporary retreat.

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Soda biscuits have gone up a cent a pound. If prunes also ascend in price, the boarding-house table will become a scene of luxury and dissipation.

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The Bishop of London has said that his drive in and about Ottawa was the most beautiful he has ever taken, while Mr. Rudyard Kipling declares that Victoria, B.C., is an ideal spot to live in. Bouquets like these make Ottawa and Victoria blush and "bridle" like two charming debutantes.

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King Edward is to make green hats fashionable. No wonder the Irish think he's all right and call him "Edward the Pace-Maker."

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Mr. James Edgecombe has been appointed by the Dominion Government inspector of meats with headquarters at Ingersoll, under "the meat and pure food act." Canada is not anxious to have a "jungle city."

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There has been a discovery of natural gas near Grenfell, Saskatchewan, and visions of cheap fuel and illumination gleam before the eyes of the latest settlers.

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