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The Growing Time.

The following political events have
happened in Canada within a couple
of months:

1. The great victory of the Dominion
Government in the general election.
2. The victory of the Liberal party
in the Quebec Provincial general elec-
tion.

3. The victory of the Prince Edward
Island Liberals in this week's Provin-
cial general election.

4. A couple of Provincial bye-elec-
tions day before yesterday in Nova
Scotia, carried by the Liberals.

Welland-contest yesterday for the
Ontario Legislature—handsomely car-
ried for Premier Ross by the Liberal
candidate.

It's the growing time politically, as
well as industrially.

Cities of the Dominion.

Below will be found an interesting
table, showing the population of the
Canadian cities in 1881 and 1890, and
their population at present, as estimat-
ed by the Canadian Magazine for the
current month. We take the leave to
say that the present population of
London is under-estimated by at least
1,000. We expect to see London up to
the 40,000 mark by the time the census
is taken early next year.

	1881.	1890.	1900.
Montreal	155,257	216,644	288,657
Toronto	96,196	187,716	212,569
Quebec	62,446	63,090	65,000
Hamilton	35,960	44,653	62,865
Ottawa	21,397	43,728	57,002
St. John	41,252	49,719	50,000
Halifax	35,100	38,536	45,000
London	26,265	30,705	33,902
Winnipeg	7,985	22,892	42,534
Kingston	14,961	18,159	23,183
Victoria	5,925	18,000	27,000
Vancouver	—	12,000	29,000
Brantford	9,616	14,289	16,215
Charlottetown	11,455	11,374	12,000
Hull	6,390	10,900	12,000
Guelph	8,990	10,300	10,500
St. Thomas	8,267	10,329	11,908
Windsor	6,561	10,523	12,129
Sherbrooke	7,227	9,923	11,100
Belleville	5,515	10,128	10,512
Stratford	8,239	9,832	10,758
St. Catharines	9,621	10,023	10,309
Chatham	2,873	9,000	10,000
Fredericton	6,218	6,400	7,000
Brandon	—	8,500	5,388
Totals	612,378	820,909	1,066,308

Britain's Coal Supply.

Another scare as to the output of
coal in Great Britain is now in progress
in the motherland. It was started by
Mr. Neve Foster, one of the Govern-
ment inspectors, who points out that the
most striking fact in the statistics of
the mining output is the enormous
quantity taken out of the pits, the to-
tal being 220,064,781 tons, showing an
increase of 15,040,255 tons, compared
with the previous year. This is twice
as much coal as was produced in Great
Britain in 1870. But the output will be
greatly increased this year. Little won-
der, then, that the trade journals deem
it wisdom to urge the necessity of hus-
banding the coal supply. It is pointed
out by Prof. Perry, at the last meeting
of the British Association for the ad-
vancement of Science, that the best
steam engines were utilizing only one-
tenth energy available by the combus-
tion of the fuel, while the ordin-
ary steam engines utilize much less.

Whether the supply is sufficient to last
for centuries, or, as is the opinion of
some authorities, a serious coal fam-
ine will begin to be felt within the
lives of the present generation, econ-
omy would certainly be a wise precau-
tion, whether in connection with the
consumption of coal for manufacturing
purposes or for domestic use. Much of
the coal burned to supply heat the
world over is really wasted. It goes
up the chimney in the smoke and
heats the outside atmosphere, when it
ought to be retained, by some means.
It is pointed out as an example of
what economy would accomplish, that
a saving of one per cent in the con-
sumption of coal would mean an an-
nual saving to British consumers of
nearly 1,500,000 tons, worth, at last
year's prices, more than \$3,000,000.

"Are you in favor of municipal gas?"
is the question which will be voted on
at the coming municipal elections. It
is quite certain that no vote need be
taken in some wards in Toronto on
this subject; the talkativeness of the
aldermen elected every recurring
January settles that point in advance.

There is a deficit in the United States
postal revenue for last year of \$5,335-
633. The United States Postmaster-
General is in favor of still further
popularizing the registration of letters
by raising the indemnity for lost let-
ters of this description to the full value,
not exceeding \$200. It is believed that
by so doing, many letters that are now
mailed in the ordinary way would be
registered. The suggestion is worthy
of consideration by our own Postmas-
ter-General.

"The Wonderful Century."

Mr. Wallace, in a book bearing this
title, makes one clear statement which
will probably linger in the mind of the
reader. It is with regard to methods
of communication on this earth. For
centuries men had traveled our land
in the same way, riding on horseback,
or in wheeled vehicles of some kind,
and on the sea in sailing ships, but in
the nineteenth century there came a
revolution in this particular. The old
methods were good in their way. Along
good roads, and with relays of
fine horses, the old stage coaches rattled
merrily along, and often made
good time. The fine sailing ships, if
they happened to have fair winds,
sometimes made splendid voyages.
Beautiful, and sometimes swift as a
bird, were the well-built, nobly-hand-
led ships that brought to Britain and
other countries rich cargoes from the
Golden Orient. But the new order of
things is a great advance. Two great
forces, steam and electricity, have been
harnessed to our chariots. Not to men-
tion just now the fact that by means
of one of these agencies we can speak
with our brothers at the other side of
the world, we can ourselves, if we
have a little time and money to spend
in "globe-trotting," get round the
world at a quick rate. "Round the
World in Eighty Days" was not long
ago the title of a romance. Now it is
merely a broken record. If it is simply
a matter of getting round the earth, it
can be done in less time.

That this has a real bearing not only
on the practical, but also the political
life of the world, may be seen from
the two things in foreign affairs of
most recent interest. Under the old
system of things, Europe could not
have touched China quickly and ef-
fectively, and Britain could not have
sent such speedy help to her loyal col-
onists in South Africa. This one fact
stands out clearly—the nineteenth cen-
tury, by increasing and improving the
means of communication, has made the
world smaller, and brought nations
nearer together. It is difficult to say
just yet what this will mean, but we
hope that it will in the end lead to a
deeper and larger life for humanity.

No Military Escort Needed.

The story that Sir Wilfrid Laurier
would go to Australia to aid in the
celebration of the opening of the first
Parliament of the United Australian
Commonwealth, under a military es-
cort, is not correct. It was evidently
the product of the brilliant imagina-
tion of an Ottawa newspaper man. The
peace-loving Premier of Canada re-
quires no military escort to go any-
where in civilization, and would be the
last man to consent to a military ac-
companiment on a friendly visit to a
sister colony in the great British Em-
pire. If Sir Wilfrid goes to Australia,
and it is not yet settled that he
will, he will go as the un-
ostentatious first gentleman of the
Dominion of Canada, and in that
capacity represent his native land, as
he always does with becoming dig-
nity and ability.

Hamilton has a City Improvement
Society.

Prepare to get good aldermen and
school trustees elected. Do not devote
all your energies to the mayoralty.

The wise man will not only buy his
Christmas presents early, but will
prepare his New Year's resolutions be-
times.

It almost looks as if Sir Wilfrid
Laurier would have to loan the Opposi-
tion a leader. So far, they have done
almost everything but advertise in the
"wants" column for one.

Lord Strathcona says he believes the
population of Canada will be 5,000,000
by the end of the century, on which in
less than three weeks we will enter.
Nobody can contradict him. The faith
of Canada's Grand Old Man is that
which removes mountains.

Whatever dispute there may have
been as to the present year, there can
be no doubt at all that after the first
of next month we will certainly be
started on a new century. Will it
have as many wonderful advances as
the century from which we are evolu-
ting?

In the late Yale-Cariboo Dominion
election, the Conservative leader took
very strong ground against Mr. Foley,
the Labor candidate, who ran in the
triangular contest. The Labor nominee,
nevertheless, beat out the nominee of
Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. Clarke
Wallace. Although the Liberal candi-
date, Mr. Galtier, beat them both. If
a Labor candidate had not been run-
ning the Liberal candidate would have
had over 1,000 majority.

In view of the attitude of some of the
Opposition press it is interesting to note
that there is no foundation for their
statement that the French-Canadians
will have an undue predominance in
the new Parliament of Canada. With
all the members elected, as the Peter-
borough Examiner points out, Sir Wilfrid
Laurier will have the support of 75
straight English-speaking Liberals and
47 French-Canadian Liberals. Adding
to these 78 English-speaking support-
ers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the 71 English-speaking support-
ers of the Conservative party, and
9 English-speaking Independents, we
have the present Dominion Parliam-
ent composed of 153 English-speaking
members, leaving 53 French-Can-
adian representatives to constitute the
tremendous majority of "French domi-
nation," conjured up by the lively and
malicious imagination of certain Con-
servative Francophobe journals.

The False Prophets.

A Liberal majority of two to one is
the proportion of representatives in the
new House of Commons which comes
from the territory west of Lake Superi-
or. How foolish the Opposition pro-
phets now appear! They promised
that Hugh John Macdonald would eject
Hon. Clifford Sifton from his overshoe,
and that not a Liberal would be re-
turned west of the Great Lakes.
Though so thoroughly discredited, they
have already begun to gesture about
what they will do when the Ontario
Provincial elections come on.

The districts of Arizona and New
Mexico are to press Congress to grant
them full-fledged statehood. Having in
remembrance the experience with Ne-
vada, which was made a state before
it was "ripe," Congress will no doubt
take good care unless, peradventure,
there is an advantage to the dominant
party in the change of status.

If Parliament meets on Feb. 6, as is
stated, surely the members will be able
to get home in time to get through
with their spring plowing in reason-
able time. This necessary work has
been sadly neglected in the past. Why
should not Parliament do its business
with promptitude, sitting on the talk-
ing machines, and get back to their
ordinary business by the beginning
of May?

Our Toronto Letter.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The large depart-
mental and other stores, gaily decked
with tempting wares, are thronged
each day, the wise buyers not putting
off their co-operation with Santa
Claus until the last moment.

Toronto shows constant signs of im-
provement. Each season sees new
imposing buildings arise. On the
whole, Toronto is not a bad sort of
place in a business sense. But within
twenty years there has been an enor-
mous mushroom growth of snob-
bery and social affectation, with the
result that people with any position
to maintain find it both onerous and
expensive. Women in Society and
semi-Society find the mere "calling"
alone enough to account for the pre-
valence of "nerves." There are of course
many grades of social life here. There
are the quiet, intellectual, rather
soberly-inclined folk, who, though well
enough off, do not cut any particular
flame, and do not desire to do so. There
are those of the smart set, who, care-
fully watching the latest fads in the
social swim of England, try to keep
up-to-date.

Toronto at the last election kept up
its reputation as the home of political
stagnation and reaction. All that
friendliness from Liberal govern-
ments can do has been done. Many
think Toronto might as well be left
for a while to stew in its own juice.
But there is this to be said—perhaps
Toronto has never had a fair chance
of political conversion. The bulk of
the ultra-cheap newspaper circulation
is in Tory hands, and there has never
been any systematic educative speak-
ing campaign dealing with principles.
Toronto has so-called Liberal organ-
izations enough—enough of them in-
deed to afford plenty of room for per-
sonal jealousies and frictions, and for
a good deal of personal self-advertise-
ment. But who can say there is any
effective educative work in progress?
Fortunately, however, Toronto is not
Canada; just as London was not Eng-
land in the days of the great Glad-
stone, and as New York today is not
the United States, politically.

I was told by a gentleman who at-
tended the Sifton banquet it was
quite a swell affair. He said the de-
corations were fine, as was the beauty
show in the galleries, and the general
set-up of the whole affair. On one

"I lingered between
life and death."

"I think
Dr. Pierce's
Favorite
Prescription
'Golden
Medical Dis-
covery' is the
best medicine
in the world,"
writes Mrs.
Amelia
Dougherty,
of Kerrigan,
Wayne Co.,
Mo. "I
gave birth to
a baby last
summer.
After con-
finement I
became very
ill, had the
best physi-
cian that
could be
got, and he
diagnosed my
case as uterine
trouble
tending to
dropsy. Medi-
cine seemed
to do me no
good. I lingered
between life
and death for
quite a while,
every day
growing weaker
until I could
not walk
across the room.
My friends were
looking for my
death every minute.
A friend
wrote and told
me about Dr. R. V. Pierce,
and I at once
wrote to him for
medical
advice. He re-
plied immediately,
giving me full
instructions as to
what to do. I
at once followed
his advice, and
when I had
taken his medicine
about a week I
felt a good deal
stronger. When I
had taken it about
one month I felt
as strong as I
do to-day. I took
four bottles of
each kind and two
vials of 'Pleasant
Pilllets.' Many
thanks for the
medicine. It has
permanently cured me."

Return tickets will be sold as follows:
ONE-FARE PUBLIC at lowest one-way
first-class fare, Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, good re-
turning until Dec. 26, 1900. At lowest one-way
first-class fare and one-third, going Dec. 21, 22,
23, 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 27, 1900.
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS at low-
est one-way first-class fare and one-third, going
Dec. 8 to 31, 1900, inclusive, good returning
until Jan. 31, 1901. Between all stations in
Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Win-
dward East, and from S. S. Marie, Mich.,
and Detroit, Mich., and to but not from
Superior Bridge and Buffalo, N. Y.
COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS (on pre-
sentation of commercial travelers' railway cer-
tificates) at lowest one-way first-class fare, going
Dec. 21 to 31, 1900, inclusive, good returning
until Jan. 7, 1901. Between all stations in
Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Win-
dward East.
W. FULTON, city passenger agent, 161 Dun-
dass street, corner Richmond, London, Ont.
A. H. NORTHMAN, assistant general passenger
agent, 1 King street east, Toronto.

Display
of Christmas
Goods.100 PAIRS
85c, 90c and \$1Fancy
SlippersFor Ladies
and Gentlemen,
75c Pair.

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

Christmas
Groceries in
Basement.

SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

MEN'S FURNISHINGS, CLOTHING,
BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS.Interesting List for Saturday and Monday
Shoppers.LADIES'
WARM
HOUSE
SLIPPERS
and JULIETSFrom 25c to
\$2.

Men's Furnishings

Christmas Neckwear—Just arrived, the very
latest ideas of fashion, Puffs, Knots, Flow-
ing Ends, Derbys, Ascots and the new
Ring Scarf. Don't miss seeing this lot.... 50c

Newest shape Knots, Bows and Four-in-Hands,
beautiful silk and satin. Very choice.... 25c

New Suspenders

Very handsome Braces, neatly packed in separ-
ate boxes. Very sensible gift for your
gentleman friend..... 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1 25

Extra Fine Elastic Suspenders, in new shades,
nicest leather and silk trimmings, also
Mohair ends. Special at..... 25c and 50c

Dressy Warm Gloves

Select Mocha and Fine Kid Lined Gloves, in
new shades and all sizes. Extra value.... \$1 00
Fur Lined Gloves, in all shades. Special at.... \$1 50
Choicest Mocha Silk Lined Gloves, in all sizes.
This is a really choice Glove at..... \$2 00

Men's Fine Underwear

Finest Scotch Lambswool Shirts and Drawers,
guaranteed unshrinkable, in all sizes; our
special price \$5 50 the suit. Saturday and
Monday for..... \$4 50

Very Fine Fleece Lined Underwear

Very fine Fleece-Lined Underwear, special soft
Lambswool fleecing, silk trimmed, very
fine. Our special low price..... 67½c

Clothing Extras for Saturday and Monday

Men's Overcoats.

Men's Heavy Weight Oxford Gray Cheviot
Overcoats, smooth finish, double-breasted,
mohair sleeve linings, check tweed body
linings, in all sizes 34 to 44; regular \$10,
Saturday and Monday..... \$7 99

Very Fine Navy and Black Beaver Overcoats,
in new full back style, splendid trimmings.
We do not hesitate to say—and the coats
prove it—the finest \$10 overcoat in
London..... \$10 00

Men's Navy and Black Beaver Overcoats, fine
Italian or fancy check linings; good value
at \$6 50, Saturday and Monday..... \$5 00

Boys' Reefers.

Boys' Heavy Frieze Reefers, in Oxford gray and
black, heavy tweed linings, storm collars, etc.
Sizes 22 to 30..... \$2 50
Sizes 31 to 33..... \$2 75
Sizes 34 and 35..... \$3 00
Men's sizes 36 to 42..... \$3 50

Boys' Three-Piece Suits.

Heavy Canadian Tweed, double-breasted suits;
sizes 27 to 33. These are our \$5 sellers.
Very special, Saturday and Monday..... \$3 99

Children's Fancy Vestee Suits.

Sizes 21 to 26, choicest, new season's suits,
with wide lapel, neatly braided, or deep
sailor collar, fancy tye; regular \$4, Sat-
urday and Monday..... \$2 99

EXTRAORDINARY SHOE BARGAINS.

Men's Choice Dongola Kid Lace and Congress
Shoes, sewed, flexible soles, neat new
shapes; our regular price \$2, Saturday and
Monday..... \$1 58

Men's Leather Slippers, the opera style, in black
and dark green; regular \$1 25, Saturday
and Monday..... 90c

Ladies' Fine Fur-Trimmed Felt, Juliet, turn
soles, very dressy and good to wear, very
special value..... \$1 25

Ladies' Fur-Trimmed Buskies, warm lining and
soft, flexible leather soles..... 75c

Ladies' Fancy Felt Slippers, with soft cushion
soles; regular 90c and \$1, Saturday and
Monday..... 75c

EXTRA SPECIAL.

150 pairs Women's and Misses' Felt and Repp Fancy Toilet Slippers, all
sizes. Very special Saturday..... 10c

Railways and Navigation.

Intercolonial Railway.

On and after Monday, Nov. 26, 1900,
the train leaving Union Station, To-
ronto (via Grand Trunk Railway) at
10:00 p.m., connects with the Maritime
Express and Local Express at Bon-
aventure depot, Montreal, as follows:

The Maritime Express will leave
Montreal daily, except on Saturday,
at 12 noon for Halifax, N. S., St. John,
N. B., the Sydney, and points in the
Maritime Provinces.

The Maritime Express from Halifax,
St. John, the Sydney and other points
east will arrive at Montreal daily, ex-
cept on Monday, at 5:30 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Mon-
tréal daily, except Sunday, at 7:40
a.m., due to arrive at Levis at 1:05
p.m.

The Local Express will leave Levis
at 5:20 p.m., daily, except Sunday, due
to arrive at Montreal at 11:00 p.m.

Through sleeping and dining cars on
the Maritime Express.

The vestibule trains are equipped
with every convenience for the com-
fort of the traveler.

The elegant, sleeping, dining and
first-class cars make travel a luxury.

The Intercolonial Railway connects
the west with the finest fishing
streams, seaside resorts and tourist
routes in Canada.

Tickets for sale at all offices of the
Grand Trunk System, at Union Sta-
tion, Toronto, and at the office of the
general traveling agent.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, General Travel-
ing Agent, 10 King Street West,
Toronto.

H. A. PRICE, Assistant General Pas-
senger Agent, 148 St. James Street,
Montreal.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW
YEAR HOLIDAYS.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

Will issue EXCURSION TICKETS to
Canadian stations, Detroit, Buffalo and
Niagara Falls, at SINGLE FARE, leaving Jan.
22, 23, 24 and 25, returning 26th; and leaving
Dec. 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, 1901, returning Jan.
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, 1901.

TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS' tickets
will be issued Dec. 8 to 31, good to return Jan.
2, 1901, at one fare and one-third, on presen-
tation of certificate from principal of school.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS will be
issued tickets at single one-way regular fare,
Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, good for return until
Jan. 7, 1901.

Call at the City Ticket Office, 33 Richmond
street, Phone 265, JOHN PAUL, City Passenger
Agent, O. W. RUGGLES, General Pas-
senger and Ticket Agent.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

Christmas and New Year Holidays, 1900-1901

Between all stations in Canada. From all
stations in Canada to Detroit and Fort Huron,
Mich., Port Covington, Bombay Jet, Helena,
Massena Springs, Roulet Point, N. Y., and
Island Point, Vt. All stations in Canada to
but not from Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension
Bridge, and Niagara Falls, N. Y. GEN-
ERAL PUBLIC—Going dates, Dec. 22, 23, 24,
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, 1901.

Lowest One-Way First-Class Fare, Dec. 22, 23,
24 and 25. Ticket good returning from des-
tination not later than Dec. 26, 1900, and Jan.
1, 1901, and also on Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, and Jan.
1, 1901, good returning from destination not later than
Jan. 7, 1901.

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COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' Railway cer-
tificates for 1900. PRETRIP—Between all
stations in Canada. Fare—Going dates, Dec. 22,
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