

CANADIAN FAITH.

Our Northern Neighbors Braving of Their Prosperity.

There are no boom towns in Canada-if you except Dawson City-as we understand boom towns. There are towns which have sprung into importance in a few years, such as Edmonton and Calgary, and Regina. But these have had existence of long standing, and have only increased in ratio to the prosperity of the surrounding country. When Winnipeg was the Hudson Bay Company's post, Fort Garry, it occupied relatively the same position as Manitoba as it does now. Immigration increased-it was a pitiable slow process-more and more prairie land was broken in; the wheat crop became bigger and bigger; the heads of the prairie population on corresponding increased both in quantity and variety; agriculture became a scientific pursuit, necessitating improved machinery; the old settler, who for years had roughed it on the bare expanse of the land, the little luxuries of another town like Wrinkles in all Canada. We've got as magnificent a church as you've seen outside Montreal; but we've got no electric light, but I don't see why we're not installing electric light and a car service.

You know Wrinkles. Also that the bank post office, and court houses are beneath one humble roof; that the hotel is kept by Bee Chow; that the church is a misanthropic barn, with a wooden steeple; that the electric light and car service are both mythical. Or it is, "You ought not to miss Bear's Head Creek. I don't want to brag about it, but you'll be surprised. Don't leave Canada without seeing it. Weingot a newspaper there, too, that will interest you."

It is, indeed, a thriving township, and the newspaper is on fact. The day you arrive here have been big happenings in Bear's Head Creek. Behind the front page of the paper. Across four columns, in black type "Local firm gets a thousand-dollar contract. Contractor O'Grady in open competition secures order for erecting new hotel. Successful competitor speaks with 'Gazette' man, and expresses confidence in the future of Bear's Head Creek."

Best it be thought that I am attempting to poke a poor form of fun at these little Londoners struggling for recognition. I'm right here that I know of no fiercer, no more inspiring sight than is afforded by the spectacle of the Home of civilization easier to produce. Let us go to a town not the once the receiving station for products and the distributing point for necessities, whether it was fine cloth or patent leather.

As in the case of Moose Jaw, or the thousand little towns spread over Canada, tapping the country, feeding the country, backing money and dreaming of incorporation. For a town not the dignity of a city till it has a population of ten thousand. Any number of people, from ten to twenty thousand gathered together in one place constitute a town. From a few thousand to a hundred thousand they form the population of a city. Over one hundred thousand they are the Earth.

This is the way of Canada; it is also the way of the world, except that there are old street of frame houses has its city hall and corporation. In Canada, incorporation is a prize to which every proper town aspires. It is a goal to which the newest village that was ever tacked on to a C. P. R. elevator strives. Consequently, men from the back places are inveterate liars, though this may be said in their favor, that they lie as they tell. Ergo! There is no brag quite like it.

"If you can find time it will pay you to stop off at Wrinkles. A fine town, you say. I don't suppose there's any more of the average Canadian township of smaller size to justify its glorious faith in the future."

"Here," says the man of the new town, "is a spot which Providence, by natural position, by extraordinary conditions, and the proximity to the Canadian Railway, is destined to be the Chicago of the west. Let us do our duty as fathers of the city, prepare the ground for future generations."

So the man of the new town sits on the snake-fence, puffing at his pipe, dreaming dreams, peeping the mellow cornfields with phantom millions; erecting on that a mammoth skyscraper, on that a mammoth factory, and sacrificing with some regret but without a sense of duty, the little church and the post-office shack to make place for a ten-storyed hotel.

And of their faith shall they in a degree be justified. Not all of them shall be citizens of a new Chicago-a poor enough ideal, God wots!-but they shall greatly grow. They shall hit higher than they aim, because that is how the ideal works out; in the matter of their never-ceasing fight to thrust into fame and place the town of their adoption constitutes as the display of true patriotism as one may well wish to see.-Edgar Wallace in London Mail.

The Real Mother Goose.

The myth of Mother Goose and her grave-tomb in the Granary burying ground persists so obstinately that it was a pity and a need that Mrs. Arabella Stuart Austin performed last night for the true author of the immortal nursery rhymes, or the 200th anniversary of his death. In her paper for the club of Brooks House, as the lecturer said: "People do not realize all that they don't know, hence not realizing that it takes a rare genius to write fairy tales they have been wont to

attribute 'Mother Goose' stories to an old housewife, whereas the real author, a scholar of classic learning and renown, I believe Perrault, of Paris, one of the first members of the French Academy."

There is no estimating the amount of fine moral culture conveyed to simple minds through his tales in the course of two centuries. The triumph of morality over "granny," for instance, is nowhere more forcibly illustrated than in "Cinderella," with its marvelous maid, who, with her magic wand, adopted countries as there are nations in the universe. Let all this be granted, then the question is what is there of high art to be found in "Cinderella"? There is the flowing style, the naive expression and the interesting lesson that, with the pointed moral, lingers about it like the fragrance of a shewbread pressed down. In Perrault's "Riquet with the Tuft," one is fascinated by the logic and harmony of contrasts in the story of a beauty and a monster. "Cinderella," the feminine, and "Riquet with the Tuft," the masculine type of the Slaves of Fortune, are only two out of a series of eleven of the seventeenth century publications of Perrault's fairy tales, and they still live, although their author died in 1703, just 200 years ago. May the fairies ever protect the name of Charles Perrault-Boston Transcript.

International Railroad News. The railroads of Peru, South America, which are controlled and operated by the Peruvian Corporation, Limited, Lima, Peru, will soon be in the market for a large number of new locomotives. Though most of the U. S. R. W. A. has been built by English capitalists, yet orders for locomotives are largely placed in this country.

Non-English, the land of the Black Mountains, is the only country in Europe which has no railroads thus far. It is, however, now intended to build a narrow gauge railway to the Serbian frontier.

The British Government is reported to have appropriated the amount of \$1,000,000 for the construction of a motor-gauge railroad across the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean.

A report from Bangkok is to the effect that the Siam Government has decided to considerably extend the railroad system of the country. Some 150 miles of new lines will be constructed.

The Duisburg Iron Works, of Duisburg, Prussia, has just shipped the material for 24 new bridges to King Chow, to be erected on the Shantung Railway line, now in course of construction by the German Railway Company.

German Locomotive Works have secured an order for 36 locomotives for the Japanese railroads. The average price of these engines is reported to be about \$11,000.

The Servian State Railroads will soon be in the market for a considerable amount of machine tools to be used in the equipment of the new railroad repair shops now being built at several stations along the lines.

Russian engineers are at present surveying several lines of railroads to be built by Russia in Persia. One of these lines is to connect Teheran, the Persian capital, with the Russian Trans-Caspian Railroad system.

The French Government has appropriated the amount of 25,000,000 francs for the construction of new railroads in French Indo-China and on the island of Madagascar.

There is at present a great demand for all kinds of railroad material and rolling stock in Spain. A Spanish temporary reports that the Government has authorized during the last four months alone the construction of more than a dozen new lines.

The Colonial Government of the Dutch East Indies are inviting tenders for the supply of 44 new bridges to be erected on the railway lines in Java and Sumatra.

South Africa contemporary states that nearly \$1,000,000 will be spent in the near future for extending the railways in Cape Colony, Orange River Colony, Natal and Transvaal. New railroads are also being built in Rhodesia.

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THE ONLY LIVING EX-PRESIDENT.

Has Seen More Administrations Than Any President in History. Mr. Cleveland has lived in the time of more administrations than any one who has ever been President, says the New York Sun. He was born in 1837. In that year Martin Van Buren was inaugurated President, consequently Mr. Cleveland has lived in the administrations of Van Buren, the short term of William Henry Harrison, the remainder of the term to which Taylor succeeded; also in the administrations of Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, two terms of Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and thus far in the administration of Roosevelt, all eighteen, and including his own, twenty.

Mr. Cleveland has not only lived in the administrations mentioned, but he has lived to see six Vice-Presidents succeed to the Presidency, three of them—Johnson, Arthur and Roosevelt—coming to the White House through the assassination of their predecessors. The others were Van Buren, Tyler and Fillmore.

The fact that Mr. Cleveland is the only President who succeeded himself four years after his first administration is well known, and is to be added to the other unusual things about his political life.

In Going to New York. Be sure that your tickets read via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley route of the "Black Diamond Express." This is the direct and best route from Canada. The Lehigh Valley route baggage is now checked in bond and in transit points. The Lehigh Valley has three stations in New York, up town near all first-class hotels, and down town near all European steamship docks, saving passengers for Europe a long and expensive transfer from the "Black Diamond Express" to the "Black Diamond Express" at New York, Ontario, Agent, Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.

At His Inspection. It was his inspection, says the London Answers, and the different companies of the battalion were standing in front of them. The sergeant-major was making the examination, when his eagle eye detected the absence of a coat in the kit of Private Finn, and he demanded what excuse the man had to give.

"Plaze, sorr, it's all used," said Finn. "Used?" queried the sergeant-major. "Why, the first tank of mine I had served to me for my kit lasted me three years, while you are not a year in the ranks yet. How do you account for that?"

Finn's eyes had the faintest suspicion of a squint, as he replied: "Plaze, sorr, I wash every day." And the sergeant-major walked on while the entire company grinned.

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Nellie's Miracle. The squire's pretty daughter (examining the village school)—Now, children, can you tell me what a miracle is? The children looked at one another, but remained silent. "Can no one answer this question?" the squire asked, who was standing behind the school. A little girl was suddenly struck with a brilliant idea. She held up her hand excitedly. "Well, Nellie!" the squire's daughter asked, smiling approval. "Please, miss," the small child replied, breathlessly, "mother says it will be a miracle if you don't marry the new curate."—Tit-Bits.

Take Notice. During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of the uncertainty from people who speak from personal experience of the merits of this best of Household Remedies.

How Curran Identified Himself. A story illustrating the readiness of speech is told of Curran, the Irish wit. When Curran, who was a man of not very prepossessing appearance, presented himself one day at the house of a noble lord, who had had not the honor of Curran's acquaintance, his lordship exclaimed: "What! You're not Curran? You could not say 'boo' to a goose."

"You, my lord!" replied the wit coolly. "Yes, yes, you're the man, come in at once."

NEGRO DIALECTS.

More Than Fifty Varieties Spoken in Different Parts of the South. A patron of cake walks or an admirer of cake-walk music might be justified in not thinking so, but the fact is, says the New York Sun, that there are more than fifty separate dialects among the colored population of the South.

Any one who has travelled through the five-water counties of Virginia is aware that the speech of the negro population there differs materially from that used in the cotton fields of Alabama. The singing speech of the camp-meeting negro from the hilly part of Northern Georgia differs essentially from the dialect and more melodious speech of the Louisiana negroes from the region of canebrakes and rice.

The negro race in the South is essentially imitative, and in Louisiana, where the reminders of French occupation are many, the French accent and intonation are preserved. In South Carolina, which has, relatively, the largest negro population, there are found in the tide-water counties the Guinea negro whose dialect it has been found difficult for many visitors to understand.

In Southern and Southwestern Missouri the negro dialect differs entirely from what it is elsewhere in the South, and in the Indian Territory, where there is a considerable negro population, many Indian phrases and Indian methods of speech have become incorporated in the speech of the colored population.

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RELIEVED IN 30 MINUTES. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure not only cures the palpitation, but it works a quick and permanent cure by magic. This remedy cures the most obstinate cases of nervousness, palpitation of the heart, faint or dizzy spells, and all the ailments of the nervous system. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 40 doses, 10c. 20

Hubbard Was Not In. "Hubbard in?" asked the gas collector, cheerfully. "No," answered the woman, "he isn't at home." "Expecting him soon?" asked the collector. "Well," the woman replied, thoughtfully, "I don't know exactly; I've been lookin' for him 17 years, and he hasn't turned up yet. You travel about a good deal, and if you see a man who looks as though he'd been a pretty good husband, tell him I'm still a-waitin', and send him along."—Tit-Bits.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap. Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

Her Only Remedy. "But if a man won't take no for an answer?" She—Then there is only one thing the girl can do—say yes—to some one else.

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CANADIAN NOBLESSE.

What Sort of People the French Canadians of 1780 Were. In his serial, "The Fight for North America," now running in the Canadian Magazine, Mr. A. G. Bradley gives an interesting picture of the Canadian noblesse of the later part of the French régime. He says: "The Canadian noblesse, however, was an artificial affair, a forced matter in its inception and, though a very distinct order of society, acquiring but little substance. Just as each Governor of Virginia wrote that everybody wanted to be a gentleman, so the seventeenth-century Governors of Canada reported that there was a universal craving to get a notion of nobility with its somewhat barren accompaniments, and assumptions of empty rank were common and easy enough in a country where, outside the official list, neither noble nor simple at that time earned much more than their food or clothes. Signatures, large in extent, covered with dense forests, cleared only on the river front, formed the mill and not seldom a parish church, stood close at hand. Trifling rents, and those paid, when paid at all, in kind, just served to keep this strange species of noblesse and his family in food and clothes. Even this result was not always achieved, kings of France having more than once to send out provisions to save their transatlantic nobility from starvation. Sometimes even their wives and daughters worked in the field. What ever his origin, however, once ennobled, the seigneur was not at liberty to follow any trade or profession, and it is small wonder that "noblesse and pride," according to contemporary French writers, were his distinguishing points. But these very attributes and the conditions of his life, while inimical to success in peace, made him formidable in war. The rugged Canadian gentleman, insured to the chase and a stranger to luxury, equally at home in the trackless forest as on the rolling rapid, was the best ideal of an irregular soldier. Brave, hardy, adventurous, and somewhat callous to human suffering, he was an admirable leader to a peasantry who shared most of his qualities and were only less ready than himself to answer the call to arms."

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A Hard Working Actress. Stage-struck girls with visions of midnight suppers, boxes of candy and romantic nothings will probably be shocked to know that Miss Rose Gray, the Cincinnati girl, who manages her own opera company and sings the leading roles, spends her leisure hours—which are not many—in the study of history. History has been her great hobby ever since she was a child, and now, every moment, when not occupied with her duties as manager or prima donna, finds her poring over her histories. So easy, more fascinating than any novel or fancy work or society—though I love my friends, I believe that any one who is unfamiliar with history is only half educated, and I believe that a thorough knowledge of history is a liberal education in itself."

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows. Exposition at Milan. The completion of the world's longest tunnel, Sempione, is to be celebrated in 1905, at Milan, the nearest important Italian city, by an international exposition, for which preparations are now being made. A fund of \$600,000 has been raised, and the King of Italy has promised to aid the undertaking in every possible way.

The committee which has the matter in charge announces that only Italians will be permitted to exhibit works of fine art, but that the departments of transportation by land and water, navigation of the air and the division dealing with the question of protection from accidents in the transportation world, as well as the so-called decorative arts-exhibits, may be international in character. It is also provided that only such products shall be admitted for exhibition as have an actual technical or artistic value, the object of this rule being to prevent the exhibition of cheap bazaar articles.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc. Feasting the Word Along. Philadelphia Press. Elsie—There's a man at the door, who says he wants to see the boss of the house. Pa—Tell your mother. Ma (calling from downstairs)—Tell 'em I'm not in.

At the Head of the Line of pain relieving waters stands The D & L. Menthol Water, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Headache, Sciatica or stick in the side speedily disappear. They are used and you will be found in its praise.

Beas is Broken Down. The latest news concerning Beas's health is of a serious kind. A Vienna doctor who recently visited him in Christiania reports that "he has practically lost his speech." The doctor says further: "Also his faculties are impaired. His loss of memory is particularly noticeable. In consequence of these defects he cannot work. Beas is, in fact, completely broken up. His picture of a helpless old man."

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The Prickly Heat. Chicago Record Herald. "Don't you think," asked Mrs. Oldcastle, "that the new minister is inclined to be pedantic?" "Oh, I don't know. Josiah thinks so, but it mightn't be anything but the prickly heat."

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