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### WEAK HUMAN NATURE.

The mad race of Canadians after titles is not at all creditable.—London News.

Neither is the mad race of Canadians for wealth, points out the Hamilton Herald. But the craving for the one is not more natural than the craving for the other. Both are selfish, but both have been very powerful motives of human conduct ever since the dawn of history, and no doubt, long before history began.

The craving for personal distinction is what makes the savage chief claim the right to be adorned more conspicuously than the other members of his tribe. It is precisely the same feeling which makes British noblemen long for the blue ribbon of the Garter, Canadians to squabble over K. C. M. G.'s, and C. M. G.'s, and citizens of the United States to eagerly apply for membership into fraternal societies which will enable them to wear gorgeous regalia and be dubbed "Sir Knight," and see their names in print followed by a string of mystic letters. It's only one form that the universal quality of egotism takes. Of course, the manifestations of it are often grotesque and laughable; but after all, it is closely akin to self-respect and the desire to be thought well of by one's fellow-men.

It is a pardonable weakness; but it is a weakness. How much more noble is the desire and determination of a man to be honored only for what he is and what he does, and not by visible symbols of distinction! While we admit that Disraeli earned his earldom, we instinctively recognize the superior character of his "great rival who died as he had lived, plain Mr. Gladstone. Who can fail to admire the noble scorn of the younger Pitt for titles of honor, which he scattered among his followers with a lavish hand, preferring himself to remain simple William Pitt to the end! Canadians do not honor Alexander Mackenzie any the less because he refused a knighthood, nor do they honor Sir Wilfrid Laurier any the more because he accepted one. A title of honor is like fine clothes: a man may have a liking for them and a desire always to be dressed in the height of fashion; and he may be a very good or even great man for all that, or a very weak and vicious man! The love for titles is evidence of a harmless sort of

vanity which men would be the better without, but which is not serious enough to be "viewed with alarm."

### THE AIMS OF SOCIALISM.

A frequent mistake made in this country and the United States is the confounding of Socialism with Anarchy, though Socialism has no resemblance whatever to the hideous doctrine whose sole aim is the destruction of order and the murder of its representatives. A short time ago at a meeting in Indianapolis, the various Socialistic clubs in the United States were consolidated into one harmonious whole under the name of the Socialist party, and the new body enunciated a platform, which, though revolutionary in some respects, entirely removes the suspicion that its members have anything in common with the society which breeds such monsters as Szolgoz. Their principles differ little from those of advanced Liberals here and in England, the chief among them being government ownership of railways, telegraphs, industries now controlled by trusts; reduction in the hours of labor; education of the young by the government at the public expense; public work for the unemployed; the initiative and referendum, and state or national insurance for workmen. This is Socialism as understood by its votaries in the United States, and not only are the objects which it proposes to itself perfectly legitimate in a free country but it is predicted by many Americans that if the capitalistic element of the Democratic party continues to gain ascendancy as it is doing millions of voters who are averse to seeing the country governed under the direction and in the interest of Wall street manipulators will be driven into the Socialistic fold, in which even social democracy will become an overmastering issue in the big republic.

### A SAD SPECTACLE.

Bobonyeon Independent.  
The spectacle of half a dozen top-notch medical men searching for four hours for the bullet that killed McKinley, and then being stopped by the family, looks as if an ordinary hospital student was needed on the job.

### THE DUKE'S FAVORITE DISH.

Goderich Signal.  
They say that after his experience at the lumberman's camp in the Ottawa valley the "dook" expressed a decided approval of lobosauce, and hereafter that delicacy will have a high place on his menu card.

### BUT THAT'S A GOOD DEAL.

Buffalo Enquirer.  
The colonial state of Canadians, their quality of British subjects, calls for certain duties of respect and obligations that they fulfill generously, nothing else. They are loyal, that's all.

### SIR THOMAS' GREAT HEAD.

Vancouver World.  
If Thomas Lipton had not early in life grasped the truth concerning the value of advertising he would never have been Sir Thomas, a multimillionaire, and the owner of a yacht competing for the America's cup, which by the way is in itself a big advertisement. Says Sir Thomas: "Advertising made me. I spent my first pound in advertising, then hundreds and now thousands. It pays in any stage of the business."

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## BANFF THE BEAUTIFUL

J. W. Young Was Especially Impressed with the Watertown Place of the West.

Another of His Entertaining Letters to the Planet—On the Homeward Journey.

Portage la Prairie, September 21, 1901.

On September 12 I was forced, much against my will, to leave Stratford and Edmonton before I had seen the half of either place. My friend, Lawyer Boyle, introduced me to H. A. Conroy, Government Indian agent, and I had very pleasant company during the day's ride from Edmonton to Calgary. Mr. Conroy had just returned from distributing the yearly annuity to the Indians and, having been as far north as Great Slave Lake, he had many an interesting story to tell of the great north land of Western Canada.

"I left Edmonton for March," said Mr. Conroy, "and crossing Lesser Slave Lake by pack horses, we had to cut a path through the brush for 20 miles. The Indians of the north are an exceedingly fine class of men. I think the wood Cree is the finest of the northern Indians and much superior to the prairie Cree. (The real reason for the northern Indians being so much better is that they are removed from contact with civilization and the white man. It is unexpected but, nevertheless, it is true that the Indian is spoiled by civilization. I would much rather do business with a pagan Indian because the values he has word above all else."

"If you are starving and can reach an Indian settlement, the Indians will put before you the best they have even if it is the last meal. The Indians are full of hospitality and they wonder why the white man is not the same."

"I have often heard it stated that the Indians are unkind to the aged, but I found this to be false. They are exceedingly kind to their old people and the men treat their squaws with the same consideration as a white man. The Indians are fairly clean, as clean as you could expect them to be with the thermometer often down 60 below zero. Even the white men, when the weather is that cold, have little inclination for water and there is little danger that the most fastidious white man would care for a wash. He will postpone any desire to bathe and keep postponing till summer comes."

"I used to be a little particular myself about eating the meals of fish dried by the Indians, but I soon got over my prejudice. I had in regard to eating these and now I enjoy them. Place and hunger make a big difference in what you eat."

"Up along the Peace River, six hundred miles north of Edmonton, they raise everything that grows. The land is the finest and most fertile in the Dominion. There are a few settlers at Spirit River and a large settlement at Vermilion. You can gain some idea of the excellence of the climate in this far northern country when you learn that George McLeod, of Ottawa, and John Bremner, a Scotchman, have ranches there and the cattle must out all winter. There's a grand prairie at this point just the place for ranching, with bluffs and a river."

"After leaving the Foot Hills, we went on the Peace River by boat to the Beaver Indians at St. John, B. C. Then returning, we went north to Great Slave Lake. This is as far north as I went and it is some 800 miles north of Edmonton. Here the Indian has an unnatural craving for whiskey and he, like the reverend gentleman who was with me, gulped down the red ink, but only because he can't get the whiskey. You will scarcely believe it, but the Indians drink red ink, perfume, pain-killers or any other concoction they can get hold of that contains alcohol. The unscrupulous traders, and I believe they are few, who go north to trade with the Indians take a good supply of ginger from which they make a vile drink in lieu of whiskey. It is odd, but the Indians don't understand how to ferment liquor so that they are unable to distill intoxicating beverages themselves. The Indian in addition is the greatest tea drinker in the world, and you will go a long way before you will find a better judge of good tea."

"There is no kinder hearted people on earth than the Northern Indian, and they are head and shoulders above the civilized Indians. These Indians, too, are as well dressed as any white man, and this is not surprising when you learn that many Indians make as much each year as a bank manager. They generally have from \$1,000 to \$2,000 worth of furs to sell annually. The dusky denizen of the land of cold and snow is cute and he knows what his furs are worth just as well as the white man does. The Indian takes his furs to his camp and goes to the trading post and looks around examining the goods. The trader apparently doesn't pay any attention, but he knows from the goods the red man is looking at the amount of fur that the Indian has."

"The Indian having examined the goods of the trader goes and gets his furs and throws them down in the store. He tells the trader what furs there are, so many being prime and so many being not prime. The trader doesn't look at the furs but takes for granted that the Indian has made the two begin to dicker. The red man knows the price of the fur just as well as the trader does, and he knows just what he is going to get. If he thinks he hasn't got the highest price he goes to another trader and gets his price if the furs were all prime. He then figures out what primes are worth, and knowing this, the Indian is prepared to sell at his own price. For a heavier skin

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