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STATIONARY POPULATIONS.

The French Chamber of Deputies has now before it a bill to provide some remedy for the steady depopulation of the country which is now going on. The preamble states that the number of births is still far below the deaths, having fallen from 25 per housand in 1883 to 24 in 1886 and 22 in .890. One way to encourage fecundity would be to follow the example set by the settlers in Canada to marry and rear families. His example was followed by Mr. Mercier when Premier of Quebec, with the result that a very large number of French-Canadians were ready to claim the reward of 100 acres of land granted to all those who have successfully reared a

Tound dozen of a family.

The trouble in France is that they do not marry early. In Canada they bring children into the world and educate them, only to find them go off to the United States as soon as they reach early man-The best way to encourage fecundity in both countries is to make the conditions of domestic life as attractive as possible. In France they sustain a "protective" tariff in order to raise the enormous sum necessary to a constant state of preparedness for war. It may be difficult to get away from this condition, until one more try is made to get back Aisace and Lorraine. But in Canada we have no such excuse for maintaining high tariff taxes. We need not prepare for war. Our neighbors in the States embrace onefourth of the Canadian people. They are our kinsmen and are as much opposed to war as we are. Hostilities with any other country we can have none. There-fore all we need to do is to cultivate the arts of peace, extend our markets by the removal of unnatural barriers and restrict-ive taxes on both sides of the line, and ive taxes on both sides of the line, and moderate prosperity and progress will be ours. How the tariff decimates the population of Canada is well illustrated by the special commissioner of Le Canadien newspaper who has been investigating the immigration question in Quebec. He writes from Trois Pistoles, a parish with a population of 2,800. The land is good and the benefit of having the Intercolonial Railway, which runs through the whole parish, would afford exceptional advantages to the farmers, if they only had a market at their disposal, they only had a market at their disposal, says the writer; but whole families leave for the New England States every spring, for the New England States every spring, having no means to live. As a rule, before leaving, they sell their farms to the village merchants with whom they run into debt. Twenty years ago there was a flourishing village at the Trois Pistoles River, with about 300 families, one-third of whom were farmers. Now there are not more than 25 families and all the rest have emigrated. For the last five years, an average of between 30 and 40 families left every year, and the majority have not returned. Taking the average to be 7 in each family, we find an emito be 7 in each family, we find an emigration of 1,050 persons from this parish alone since 1886.

Some there are who tell us that for this condition of affairs, which is dupli-cated, to a greater or less extent, in hundreds of parishes and townships in hundreds of parishes and townships in Eastern Canada, there can be no remedy: That it is the natural outflow of population from the lesser to the greater bountry. This excuse does not meet the asse. Canada is the lesser country in point of population; but in point of natural adventure it is coval if not superior to the rantages it is equal if not superior to the tier of States that lie immediately to the mouth of it. Ontario, indeed, is in almost every respect superior to the neighboring State of Michigan. Yet, with all its advan-tages it only increased 180,000 in popula-tion in the last ten years, whereas Michi-gan added to its population 453,000. The fact is that Canada's great need to-day is

A Tribute to a Gifted Canadian Woman.

Some Queer Facts About the Clubs of London.

Curious Bits of Information Picked Up by the Folk-Lore Society.

The Next Lord Mayor of London To Be a Roman Catholic.

IFrom the Advertiser Special Correspondentl
LONDON, Eng., July 1, 1892.

I do not know whether you will have
noticed, in your English files, complimentary references to a gifted Canadian young
lady, Sarah Jeannette Duncan. On this side
the great waters the general impression in
literary circles is that the literature of
Canada is not up to the standard which
might fairly have been expected by this
time. Considering the excellent educational facilities of the Dominion, it is
thought that literary development has been [From the Advertiser Special Correspo tional facilities of the Poliminot, thought that literary development has been slow. I am afraid that Goldwin Smith has somehow fostered this unfavorable judgment of the critics. My opinion is that the English critics know little of the work done, and of the high average excellence of that work. Certainly no Shakespeare has yet been produced between St. Johns

Semiles, the expression preserved only is a freshness the ordinary run of travel literature." Well done, Canadian giris!

Michael Davitt, in his description of his recent journey through the Dominion, was specially delighted with the West. He exhausts his command of adjectives in graphic descriptions of the Rockies and British Columbia, and one of our leading English journals, in its comment on Mr. Davitte iccture, says: "We have as yet thought to evaluate the content of the conten

of savages but of a civilized people; though we have a Savage Club. Club-land is quite an aristocratic quarter of London. The habitues of the clubs are people of is quite an aristocratic quarter of London. The habitues of the clubs are people of the last ten years, whereas Michigan added to its population 453,000. The fact is that Canada's great need to-day is opportunity for its people to trade as freely as do its neighbors. The people of the United States have the British market just as we have. But they have in addition a free market on this continent extending year 40 States and affecting fully 60,000, 3000 of people. Canadians cannot trade on equal conditions with their neighbors while the trade barriers remain between the two countries. Their most profitable market for many millions of dollars worth of Canadian products of the farm, the forest, the mine, the factory and the fisheries is cut off by this trade restriction, to the serious injury of every Canadian who is not a partner in one or other of the great combines. The best way to keep the population we have got, and to make Canada attractive to immigrants, is to seek the removal of these unnatural barriers, which are a great injury to the workers on both sides of the border, but particularly to the people of this northern land.

ment of a habit of accurate observation, or the cultivation of patience. In addition to a fine technical library there is an excellent cabinet of 4,000 specimens available for the nembers. Mr. H. F. Hailes, one of the original eleven (not cricket but crickets they studied), is the honorary secretary and editor of the journal. The president is the Rev. Dr. Dallinger. The habitat of the Quekett Club is Hanover Square, Lon-don West.

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There is a Folk-Lore Society here in Old London, and many curious bits of information come to them. The Rev. Janes Sibree, F. R. G. S., of the London Missionary Society in Madagascar, and who is returning thither on the 24th inst., after a holiday in England, read a paper before this society on "Divination Among the Malagasy." He pointed out that they had a powerful and afficient belief in fate (which they call vintana), and connected therewith was a system of divination called sikidy, which was held to be a divinely-given method of ascertaining secret things and future events, together with the means of averting or remedying all evil. The sikidy was worked by the diviner taking at hap-hazard a number of beans or seeds from a heap, by twos, and with any left forming figures and combinations, arranged in twelve columns. Answers were supposed to be obtainable from these combinations, as each figure and combinations, as each figure and row had a certain significance. It is evident that such methods give ample scope for imposition, and Mr. Sibree said there was doubtless much trickery. Absurd notions, however, were held by the uninitiated in regard to the power of the diviner and the value of the answers. This sikidy was of Arab origin, as was evidenced by many of the divining words being Arrabic. The Malagasy hold the fatalistic belief that secritain days in each month are unlucky; hence infanticide is largely practiced in Madagasear among the heathen tribes.

Dr. de Lacouperie has clearly shown that there are traces of Chaldean influence in the content of the anxient of that work. Certainly no Shakespeare, has yet been produced between St. Johns and Vancouver, but England has only one Shakespeare, only one Milton, only one Tennyson, and it is a very old country. Canada is young, sparsely settled, and the struggle for subsistence is strenuous, admitting of little literary leisure.

It is pleasant, therefore, to find Lily Dougail and Sarah J. Duncan spoken of so favorably. The work by the latter entitled "A Social Departure: How Orthodocia and I Went Round the World by Ourselves," is commended very highly, and "An American Girl in England" though pronounced "inferior," far surpasses in vivacity and "inferior," far surpasses in vivacity and "inferior," far surpasses in vivacity and struce." Well done, Canadian girls!

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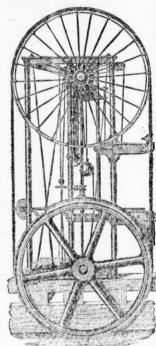
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