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**Sunday Observance  
in England.**

**T**HE Archbishop of Canterbury, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, and the Rev.

J. S. Lidgett, have issued a joint manifesto to the people of the United Kingdom, urging the better observance of Sunday in the interests of the moral, spiritual and physical welfare of the nation. It is almost impossible to overestimate the importance of this reform and it is a good thing to see Protestant and Catholic dignitaries uniting to bring it about. The trouble in England as in some other countries is the tendency to rely too much upon legislative enactment and police regulation to bring about the desired end. The churches ought to be able to do more than Parliament or the courts to promote the sanctity of the day of rest.

**Canada and the  
United States.**

**T**HE Hon. George E. Foster addressing the Equality Club at Buffalo, declared

frankly that Canada had begun to develop and would continue to develop by herself; that union with the United States was not only unnecessary for Canada's future, but undesirable for both countries. He also delicately reminded his hearers that if Canada had turned to the British market, with marked success, it was because the people of the United States had coldly rejected all Canadian overtures for closer trade relations. While the state of affairs so accurately described by Mr. Foster may give our neighbours something to think about in connection with their commercial policy there is in them no matter for permanent regret. Closer commercial relations might have led to political absorption and each country is big enough already for one national government. Canada has been stimulated by relation into activities that would have been paralysed by annexation or commercial union.

**Valparaiso  
Earthquake.**

**A**LL the British insurance companies have repudiated any liability in connection with the Valparaiso earthquake. They are quite right. It is one thing to insure against fire and it is another thing to insure against earthquakes. As we have already stated we believe that all over the world fire policies should contain an earthquake exemption clause. In Valparaiso as in many earthquake-ridden centres most of the policies did contain such clauses. There is no reason why earthquakes should not be insured against, as any other calamities which humanity may suffer, but in the insurance business, there is no room for any ambiguity as to the nature of the risk assumed.

**The National  
Port of Canada.**

**T**HE total exports of Canadian produce from the port of Montreal, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, were valued at \$66,071,392, the total exports from the other chief ports of Canada were as follows: Quebec, \$4,017,076; St. John, N.B., \$18,335,144; Halifax, \$9,977,156. In the exports of animals and their produce Montreal figures for \$39,486,925; St. John, N.B., \$3,432,779; Quebec, \$201,892; Halifax, \$518,122. In agricultural products, Montreal again comes first with \$17,244,406; Quebec has \$74,070; St. John, N.B., \$7,753,634; Halifax, \$1,937,972. In the total produce of the farm Montreal stands for \$56,731,331; Quebec, \$275,962; Halifax, \$2,456,094; St. John, N.B., \$11,186,413. The total exports from all Canadian ports of all kinds of farm produce amounted to \$120,518,207, of which it will be seen, nearly one-half was shipped from Montreal. The port of Montreal is of more importance to the farmers of Canada than it is to the people of Montreal.