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SPECIAL NOTICE.

As a great number of our subscribers are interested in the Census Guessing Competition, for which prizes were offered to the persons coming nearest to the correct enumeration of the population for the Dominion of Canada, a given out by the Minister of Agriculture from the results of the recent census, we wish to advise the readers of THE TELEGRAPH that no announcement had yet been made by the Minister of Agriculture.

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Official figures are Five Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-three, but they are not final. A. BLUE, Director of Census.

As soon as final figures can be obtained, the awards will be made. PRESS PUB. ASS'N.

ST. JOHN'S HARBOR FACILITIES.

Some weeks ago The Telegraph published an interview with Colonel Dent in reference to the imperial horse shipments from this port, in which that gentleman spoke in the very highest terms of the splendid facilities here for handling horses for export. We have since learned that Colonel Dent has given to other parties similar expressions of his satisfaction with the care and expedition shown in these shipments, and has even suggested the possibility of summer shipments being made from St. John, which, in his opinion, is the best port in Canada to handle live stock.

would suggest that the work might be undertaken jointly by the parties interested. If the city, the dominion government, the provincial government and the C. P. Railway would join hands, the amount required from each would not be a serious burden on any.

It is a matter of such general, yes even national interest, that delays are dangerous. Even now the orders for the timber for the future wharves should be given, so that it may be gotten out this season in readiness for next summer's construction.

THE MYSTERY OF LIFE.

It is but natural that considerable interest should have been aroused in scientific and lay circles by the announced discoveries of Prof. Loeb, of Chicago, on the mystery of life. The synopsis of the communication of Prof. Loeb is fairly clear and comprehensible to the scientist, and when closely examined does not differ very materially from the views of Prof. Ostwald, Arrhenius, Nerst and other regarding the cause of chemical reaction.

An ion is an atom or molecule of matter which carries a charge of electricity. There are two kinds of ions—positive or cations and negative or anions. The motor nerves contain colloidal substances, which are held in solution by certain salts of sodium, potassium, calcium, etc., and are charged with positive electricity.

WINTER PORT IMPROVEMENTS.

On Saturday last, The Telegraph suggested the combination of interests looking to the extension of wharf and warehouse facilities on the western side of the harbor. It may not be out of place to indicate what seems feasible in that direction. At present the dredging is completed, and we understand, up to the centre of South Rodney slip, and a view of the locality suggests the extension of the wharf from the dredged basin northward.

THE PRICE AT WHICH TO MARRY.

The old question of how much money a man should have before he gets married, has been again brought up for discussion by the decision of a Chicago judge before whom a man was arraigned and pleaded that he could not afford to support a wife as he had only saved up \$75.

advice anyway. Still, the problem is one of interest and will no doubt continue to be discussed as much by the old married folks as by the youngsters until the end of the time of marrying and giving in marriage.

Of course it all depends upon the man and the girl. The great trouble is that "love is blind," you know, and young folks are apt to be so infatuated with each other as to be unable to fairly judge of each other's solid ability to get along. Many a man has married with less than \$25 and been so lucky as to get a wife so much better than he deserved that she has helped him to accumulate a competency, and then he took all the credit for it.

Lots of young fellows couldn't earn a living for themselves and get along decently with their wives if they had \$25,000. Sometimes "the gray mare is the better horse of the team," but other times the girl couldn't economize and help her husband to get along because she has never really learned the value of money.

So there you are—always two sides to every question. Some of the American clergymen lately have been preaching to their flocks that they ought to marry young. And some of the wise old physicians have been prating that no man or woman ought to marry unless they can pass a physical examination and be satisfied that they are mutually adapted to each other.

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Had Japan embraced this opportunity of the Russian power in the Far East have been greatly weakened, and in the claims which she is now making of necessity have been abandoned. Agapeff evidently thinks that I position is not very strong even and suggested that she has three open by which the ill will of Japan be partially overcome or appeased.

One splendid advantage that this port would have if the additional facilities were provided, lies in the whole system being grouped within an easy radius, with railway opportunities not met in many ports. The wharves being in close proximity to one another and to the elevators, warehouses and the projected dry dock, no serious delays need occur either in the unloading of the freight by the C. P. R., or in the changing of berths for additional

large, from the elevators or from other freight sheds. The Telegraph would urge the consideration of this important question of additional facilities for handling our growing trade as a port, believing that the way to win business to St. John is to be in readiness to handle it to the very best advantage.

THE GROWTH OF WEALTH.

When it is remembered that it is less than a hundred years since any of the applications of steam or electricity were made, or even the lucifer match was invented, the tremendous growth of the world's wealth can be in a measure appreciated.

Such reflections emphasize the point that if our parents could have realized the development of wealth that has been made in the last fifty years, they would have been at greater pains to have secured a share of it for their children. Therefore, if we desire to prove just, as well as generous, to our posterity, we should endeavor to read the signs of the times carefully and profit if possible by anticipating the trend of events.

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It is hardly probable that Japan submit to the second and thin slivers of the Russian officer, annexation of Manchuria is ex-novo to Japan and Britain eastern portion of the country she richer and its occupies equally unsatisfactory to the Russians are not ho tentions as they are des annexing Manchuria but control of Korea, and ti decided menace to us sia could, with good tion, quickly attack diplomacy is noted if the recent exposure of the complexity of rising is only a cor

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