

A WINTER IN PARIS.

MR. G. T. FULFORD'S RETURN FROM THE WORLD'S GAYEST CITY.

A REPORTER'S INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH HIM—SOME STATISTICS AND INFORMATION OF GENERAL VALUE.

From the Recorder, Brockville, Ont.

Mr. G. T. Fulford, who is understood to have been doing big things in Paris during the past winter and spring, introducing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, has reached home with his family, and on the evening of his arrival was interviewed by a Recorder reporter, and asked to give an account of himself.

"Well," he said, in reply to a question on the status of the Pink Pill business in France, "of course it isn't altogether an easy matter to introduce a foreign article into a strange market, but I don't think we can complain of the progress made, and it is gratifying to report that some, at least, of the Paris doctors are open to recognize a medicine of which the intrinsic merits can be demonstrated to them. One of the best of them—at Versailles, the Paris suburb where the Emperors used to keep their court—has given favorable testimony through the press of quite wonderful cures through the use of Pink Pills in his practice; and the Religious, an order of Nuns like the Sisters of Charity, have also made an extensive use of Pink Pills in their charitable work, and given strong testimonials as to their good effects."

"How do you find business all round?"

"Pretty good. We have sold in the past twelve months a little over two million three hundred and sixty thousand boxes of Pink Pills."

"That is a pretty large order isn't it?"

"It is the best twelve months business yet."

"Look for a minute at what the figures mean. If all the pills were turned out into a heap, and a person set to count them, working ten hours a day at six days a week, the job would take at least six weeks, and I have only counted it—4 years, 21 days, 6 hours and 41 minutes, counting at the rate of 100 a minute. Or, if you want further statistics, it is somewhere about two pills a head for the combined adult population of Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States. I don't give these figures to glorify the business, you will understand, but to enable you to make the facts tangible to an ordinary reader."

"Does Great Britain do its share in the business?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, I think we have had a record there. The head of a leading advertising agency in London to whom I showed my figures, told me that no business of the kind had ever reached the same dimensions in England in as short a time."

"For though we have only been working in England two years, there are but two medicines there that have as large a sale as Pink Pills, and one of these is over thirty years old, while the other has been at work at least half that time."

"How do you account for the way Pink Pills have 'jumped' the English market then?"

"I cannot attribute it to reasonable logic to anything but the merits of the pills."

"Was everything lovely," asked the reporter, "or were there any crumpled rose-leaves in the couch?"

"Can't grumble, except in one way. There's a certain amount of substitution in some retail stores, and there is a man in Manchester, England, that I have had to prosecute on the criminal charge for it."

"But what do the substitutors do—do they duplicate your formula under some other name?"

"No, not a bit of it; that is the worst feature of the fraud. No dealer can possibly know what is in Pink Pills; and if he did, he couldn't prepare them in small quantities to sell at a profit. They are not common drugs, and by no means cheap to make. I suppose I have spent from ten to twelve thousand dollars, since I took over the trade mark, in trying if the formula could be improved, and spent a share of it for nothing."

"What do you mean by 'for nothing'?"

"After I acquired the trade mark I saw that if the thing was to be made a success it was imperative that I should have the best tonic pill that could be gotten up. Consequently I obtained the advice and opinion of some of the most noted men in medicine in Montreal and New York—and expert advice of that sort comes high. I made the changes in my formula suggested by these medical scientists, and the favor with which the public has received the medicine demonstrates that it is the most perfect blood builder and nerve tonic known. However, I was anxious to still further improve the formula, if that could be done, and have since spent a great deal of money with that end in view. On going to London, two years ago, to place Pink Pills, I went into it again, with the best medical men there, and as you know, the medical expert is not too friendly to proprietary medicines; and least of all to a good one; and I don't blame the doctors either. It isn't good for their business if a man can get for fifty cents medicine that will do him more good than \$50 in doctoring. Consequently advice came high, but I obtained the best there is, not only on this continent but in London and Paris."

"When I went to Paris last winter I placed my formula and a supply of Pink Pills in the hands of one of the most noted doctors in that city for a three months trial in his practice, with a view to getting suggestions for improvement; and the end of that time his answer was: 'Leave it alone, it cannot be bettered. You now have a perfect blood and nerve medicine.' This opinion cost me 10,000 francs. I consider it money well spent, as it determines the fact that the formula for Pink Pills is now as perfect as medical science can make it. And coming back to the question of substitution and imitations, what I have just told you will show what a poor thing it is for a man who goes to a store for Pink Pills to let something else be pushed on him in place of them—more especially if it is a worn out thing like Bland's pills—a formula in the French pharmacopoeia that has been a back number for years until a few storekeepers tried to push it on the strength of Pink Pill advertising. You can take it from me that a storekeeper who tells anyone that Bland's pill (which is not a proprietary at all, any one can make it that wants to) is in any way a

substitute for Pink Pills is an ignoramus and never ought to be trusted to sell medicine at all. A druggist as ignorant as that certainly isn't fit to put up a prescription, and will poison someone one day."

LIGHT ON FREEMASONRY.

Interesting Letter From One Who Has Made a Study of the Subject.

(From the Catholic Times, Philadelphia.)

Occasionally you give us some items on the secret societies. Surely we are grateful for it, for here is the enemy. Every Christian institution, whether religious, familial, social or political, and even commercial, is more or less exposed to its baneful and pernicious influence.

As early as July 4, 1828, 103 seceding Masons of the United States signed, with their names, degrees and residences, a public declaration in which they declared, among many other things: "The Masonic society has been silently growing among us, whose principles and operations are calculated to subvert and destroy the great and important principles of the Commonwealth. Before and during the revolutionary struggle Masonry was but little known and practiced in this country. It was lost amid the changes and confusions of the conflicting nations and was reserved for a time of profound peace to wind and insinuate itself in every department of government and influence the result of almost every proceeding. * * * Not content yet with its original powers and influence it has of late received the aid of foreign and more arbitrary systems. * * * That it is opposed to the genius and design of this government, the precepts of our holy religion and the welfare of society generally will appear from the following considerations:—"Seventeen in number, I quote only the few which answer my present special purpose, trade and commerce. L. F.]

"It destroys the principles of equality by bestowing favors on its own members to the exclusion of others equally meritorious and deserving."

"It creates odious aristocracies by its obligations to support the interest of its members in preference to others of equal qualifications."

"It accumulates funds at the expense of indigent persons and to the distress of their families, too often to be dissipated in rioting and pleasure and its senseless ceremonies and exhibitions. It contracts the sympathies of the human heart for all the unfortunate by confining its charities to its own members, and promotes the interest of a few at the expense of the many. * * *

"See 'Light on Masonry,' by Elder David Bernard, of the Baptist Church in Warsaw, Genesee county, N.Y., and other books, pamphlets and newspapers of that time."

A branch of the Masonic brotherhood has been imported from England in the United States, upon which I wish to draw the attention of your readers. It is called the Secret Monitor, or Masonic Trading Degree. Any one who wishes to verify this matter and see for himself may apply to Dick & Fitzgerald, Box 2075, publishers, New York, and get 'Richardson's Monitor of Freemasonry,' or 'Allen's Ritual of Freemasonry,' or any other ritual for the truly initiated to the Masonic exotericism; there are others for the dupes. These Mason secret monitors promise and swear under the penalty of having their hand thrust through with the arrow of an enemy to assist a brother secret monitor in preference to any other person by introducing him to business, by sending him custom, or in any other manner in which they can throw a penny in his way; to caution a brother secret monitor by sign, word and token whenever they see him doing or about to do anything contrary to his interest in buying or selling. They promise and swear, under the same penalty, in the presence of Almighty God, to never confer this degree of secret monitor on any person in the known world except it be a master Mason; thus all apprentices, fellowcrafts or any other Mason, Apist or not, Odd Fellow or not, are excluded by the oath; hence the great bulk of Masons, Apists, etc., are treated as we profane are; the only difference is that they are dupes and we are not; they expect peculiar advantages and benefits from their brothers and we do not; they are doubly duped.

Now Brother F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., past grand supreme ruler in the order and grand registrar of the craft in England, at the consecration of the Cockerell Conclave at Eastwood, Yorks, on Saturday after Good Friday, 1895, delivered a highflown oration on the Order of the Secret Monitor, reported in the Freeman, April 28, 1895, London, England. Among other things he said: "Our order, brethren, is not a thing of yesterday. True, it has been only recently revived and re-organized in this country, but arising at a remote period, when the hand of brother was turned against his fellow, and when the heart survived for some trustworthy tie, it has survived more or less continuously from ancient time, and was especially cultivated when in the great rebellion which led to the formation of the United States, and later on, at the time of the civil war, it formed an inner bond of union among Masons themselves, and on many occasions was the means of establishing fraternal relationships where, but for it, matters would have proved disastrous in the extreme." Our order has been long cultivated in America, where it consists of a single degree, and it is only quite recently that a large number of brethren who had taken this one degree have unanimously applied to the Grand Council in England for powers enabling them to cultivate the higher degrees which confirm, establish and intensify the brotherly tie which already exists. This petition Grand Council has been pleased to grant, and we hope soon to hear that the beautiful ritual of which they are now in possession is appreciated by our American cousins, and that the conclave they have formed under our jurisdiction—England—may be the pioneer for

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many others to the strengthening of our order and the spread of its estimable virtue—selfishness and self pockets—'Ever on the alert, ever on the watch, ever ready to warn, to advise, standing shoulder to shoulder—in our trade and commerce—giving continual support, may this conclave."

L. FOUQUET, O.M.I., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

COMMERCIAL.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.

FLOUR.—We quote—Spring Patent \$4.00 to \$4.75. Winter Patent \$4.50 to \$5.00. Straight Roller \$4.10 to \$4.25. City Strong Bakers \$4.20 to \$4.35. Manitoba Bakers \$4.20 to \$4.35. Ontario Roller, extra \$1.00 to \$1.00. Straight Roller, bags \$2.00 to \$2.05.

GRAIN.—Rolled and granulated \$4.10 to \$4.15; standard \$4.05 to \$4.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.00 to \$2.02, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2. Pot barley \$4.25 in bbls. and \$2.00 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

WHEAT.—Manitoba bran has advanced to \$17.00, and we quote \$17 to \$17.50 for Ontario. Shorts are also scarce and quoted at \$20.00 to \$20.50. Sides of shorts have been made at \$20.00 at the mills in Ontario. Moulie \$21.50 to \$23.

WHEAT.—The future of prices will depend upon the superior strength of the bull or bear element.

CORN.—Prices are nominal at 52c to 53c in bond, and 60c to 62c duty paid.

PEAS.—A lot of 10,000 bushels was offered at 72c per 56 lbs. in store. In the Stratford district they are dull at 58c to 59c per 60 lbs.

OATS.—There have been sales of No. 2 white at 40c; but a little steeper feeling has set in, and subsequent sales were reported at 40c to 41c for car lots in store. No. 3 are quoted at 39c and Manitoba mixed at 38c to 39c.

BARLEY.—Feed barley is quoted at 54c to 55c.

RYE.—Prices remain nominal at 60c to 61c.

MAIZE.—Market quiet at 70c to 80c as to quality and quantity.

PROVISIONS.

PORK, LARD, &c.—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$15.00 to \$15.50; Mess pork, American, new, per bbl., \$16 to \$16.50; Hams, per lb., 10c to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 9c to 9½c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6½c to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 10c to 11c; Shoulders, per lb., 8½c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

NEW BUTTER.—Creamery, per lb., 14c to 15c; Townships, 14c to 15c; Morrisburg, 14c to 15c; Western, 13c to 14c.

CHEESE.—Sales of finest Western are reported at 7c to 8c and finest Eastern Townships at 7c to 8c, in all about 6,000 boxes are reported to us. Unpriced goods sold on the way from 7c to 7½c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.—Sales have transpired of round lots of 10c to 11c for candled and of smaller quantities at 11c, 11½c to 12c, for single cases. A few culls have been got rid of at 8c to 9c.

TALLOW.—Prices nominally quoted at 5c.

HOPS.—Market quiet at 5c to 8½c as to quality.

HONEY.—Old extracted 5c to 6c per lb. New 4c to 5c per lb in tins as to quality, Canadian honey 10c to 12c.

SUGAR.—Promoters.—Sugar is quoted at 6½c to 7c, and old 5c to 6c. Syrup at 4½c per lb. in wood and at 50c to 60c in tins.

BEANS.—At \$1.65 to \$1.75 for good mediums. Choice hand-picked peabees \$1.85 to \$2.00. Poorer kinds \$1.25 to \$1.50.

BALED HAY.—No. 2 shipping hay \$10 to \$10.50. No. 1 straight Timothy at \$11. At country points, \$9.00 to \$9.50 is quoted for No. 2.

FRUITS.

APPLES.—Dried, 5c to 6c per lb.; Evaporated, 6c to 6½c per lb.; Evaporated fancy, 7c to 8c per lb.; Medium, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per barrel; Fine, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

ORANGES.—Messina, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per box; Messina, fancy, \$3.25 per box; Messina, blood, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per half box; Messina, blood, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per box; Valencia, 42c, \$6.50 per box.

LEMONS.—\$4.00 to \$5.00 per box.

BANANAS.—Green, \$1 to \$2 per bunch.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES.—\$1.05 to \$2.00 per box; Apricots, \$0.00 per box; Pears, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per carrier; Pears, \$4.00 to \$4.25.

DATES.—3½c to 4c per lb.

COCONUTS.—Fancy, firsts, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per hundred; seconds, \$3 per hundred.

TOMATOES.—Tennessee, 40c to 50c per box; do., 80c to 90c per crate.

RASPBERRIES.—10c per box.

STRAWBERRIES.—New, 75c per bag; do., \$1.50 per barrel.

ONIONS.—Bermuda, \$2.00 per crate.

FISH AND OILS.

FRESH FISH.—Market quiet; cod and haddock 3½c to 4c per lb.

SALT FISH.—Dry cod \$4 to \$4.50, and green cod No. 1 \$4 to \$4.50. Labrador herring \$3.75 to \$4, and shore \$3.00 to \$3.50. Salmon \$10 to \$11 for No. 1 small, in bbls. and \$12.50 to \$13.50 for No. 1 large. British Columbia salmon \$10. Sea trout \$7 to \$7.50.

CANNED FISH.—Lobsters \$6.00 to \$6.25, and Mackerel \$3.50 to \$4.00 per case.

OILS.—Seed oil to arrive is quoted at 32½c to 33c net cash, and on spot 35c. Newfoundland cod oil is steady at 35c to 36c, but business continues slow, and confined to small lots. Cod liver oil 70c to \$1.00.

The new lens which is to be presented to the Chicago University by Mr. Yerkes, of Chicago, has just been completed at Cambridge, Mass. It is the largest and probably the most powerful lens ever constructed.

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