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SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have at last obtained the official figures of our Canadian census contest as shown by the following telegram: "Ottawa, Jan. 15, 1902. Press Pub. Association. Detroit, Mich.

I hereby certify that the population of Canada on the 31st of March, 1901, was five million three hundred and sixty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty-six (5,369,666).

ARCHIBALD BLUE,

Special Census Commissioner. We have long and patiently waited for this information and are now pleased to inform the public that the official population of Canada is 5,369,666.

As soon as the contest closed all coupons were turned over to the committees on awards, comprised of the Hon. William C. Maybury, mayor of Detroit; the Hon. Joseph W. Donovan, judge of the Wayne Circuit Court, and the Rev. Charles L. Arnold, pastor of St. Peter's church, Detroit, Mich.

This committee appointed Mr. Henry Otis, bookkeeper and accountant of the Detroit National Bank, to take charge of the coupons and tabulate the estimates. Mr. Otis at once took possession of all coupons and removed them to his private vault, where no one but himself and the committee had access to them. Mr. Otis and his staff of assistants divided all the estimates in both contests into divisions of thousands and tens of thousands, so as to facilitate the work of finding the successful estimates as soon as he could obtain the official figures.

Mr. Otis and the committee on awards are now engaged in ascertaining who are entitled to the prizes, according to the official figures which they have just received. It will take the committee several days to complete their work, and as soon as it is determined who are the successful estimators, the cash prizes amounting to \$10,000 in these contests will be awarded by the committee, and a list of the winners will be mailed to each certificate holder.

Very respectfully,

PRESS PUBLISHING ASS'N.

I. C. R. AND EXPORT BUSINESS.

An attempt is being made to belittle the efforts which the Hon. A. G. Blair has made on behalf not only of this city but towards the settlement of the great question of transportation of Canadian products from the provinces to the Atlantic seaboard. We are gravely assured that Mr. Blair has failed in his endeavors, because the I. C. R. elevator is not spouting grain this winter from its flumes to the great British markets on the other side of the water. Such critics are as competent to discuss transportation problems as the wise men of ancient Rome were to discuss the theory of gravitation. The Minister of Railways was confronted with the problem of a private railway corporation meeting every demand for the enlargement of the export trade by a counter demand for a quid pro quo in the shape of running rights over the government road, the privilege of diverting west bound traffic from the I. C. R. or what not. He believed, and the people were back of him in the idea, that Canada was too big a country to be put in the pocket of any one private individual, be he even a railway magnate.

It will be remembered that on the eve of the commencement of last year's export trade, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy delivered a statement delightfully delphic in its depth of meaning which our Conservative friends took to mean the ending of the export business through a Canadian port, unless the cream of the I. C. R. local traffic was delivered over to the C. P. R. The election of 1900 was fought out here on that issue. The Minister of Railways did not so understand the C. P. R. president, but lest there might be any misunderstanding, he announced that

the I. C. R. with its Montreal connections would stand in the gap, and see that the export business came through St. John in greater volume than ever. Was he correct in his prophecy? The increased volume of traffic this year is an emphatic answer in the affirmative.

Then why is the I. C. R. elevator not busy? Such is the natural question which the average person finds difficult to answer. It is no secret, however, that the I. C. R. and C. P. R., in coming to their agreement in connection with the Sydney traffic, also arrived at an understanding that the latter road should earnestly press forward towards building up the volume of export traffic through St. John. So long as it does this it would be the part of wisdom for the I. C. R. management to withhold irritating competition, productive of loss to both roads. The I. C. R. will soon have another export feeder, for as soon as the Quebec bridge is completed, it will be the Atlantic seaboard winter connection for the Great Northern and the projected Mann & Mackenzie transcontinental line. This would be an export business measure nearly competitive with the traffic controlled by the C. P. R. The I. C. R. elevator has already served a wise purpose and will serve a further purpose in the storage of grain for export before this winter is over.

The deep water wharves and capacious warehouse are being continually used for export traffic the whole year round. These have already proved themselves a splendid addition to the harbor facilities of this important port, and the people of New Brunswick have no complaint to enter at the wise expenditure for these improvements, as St. John is still lacking in deep water wharf accommodation on both sides of the harbor.

It is also to be remembered that grain elevators are not always used as soon as built. The C. P. R. elevator on the west side was erected for at least two years before it was utilized for the shipment of grain. Yet it is being amply used in this present season. The Quebec elevator was idle for six years before its usefulness was demonstrated.

So long as the export business is on the increase the people of New Brunswick are not much concerned which elevators do the business or which roads carry the produce to the point of export. But the I. C. R. elevator and terminals will be fully utilized by the I. C. R. management for their own traffic in their own good time. Our friends of the morning luminary need not worry for fear lest the \$200,000 Harris base ball field shall not in time become a hive of busy industry for the up building of this city by the sea.

DARK LANTERN LEADERS. The press of Ontario is discussing the condition of the Tory party in that province. There is an apparent unanimity of opinion among the more independent Tory press that there is something radically wrong with the party. One active Conservative in the Toronto World, says that one of the causes of the demoralized condition of the party in Ontario is due to a certain clique of Tory lawyers in Toronto, who have been nesting together in the Albany Club and who run the party for their own ends. He claims to be in a position to state that these lawyers are in the employ of large corporations and in such a capacity have tied the Conservatives of Ontario to their chariot wheels.

There can be no doubt that the Ontario Tories, like those in this province, are in a bad way. They are very angry with the so-called leaders and are demanding their heads. The disorganized and disheartened condition of the party is not confined to Ontario, but extends to other portions of the dominion. One prominent Conservative ironically speaks of "Mr. George E. Foster, a gentleman from New Brunswick." It is most unkind of these Ontario Conservatives to speak in such terms of the rejected ex-minister of finance. When he was in power they would not dare have referred to the ex-member for York in such language. It is quite evident that the Tories of Ontario are not taking kindly to Hon. George E. Foster. He has been waiting patiently for some safe constituency to offer him a nomination, but none are kind-hearted enough to do so. Possibly the Conservatives of Ontario would no longer consider the constituency safe in the light of the political history of Hon. George E. Foster. The unsatisfactory and unhealthy condition of the Tory party in the dominion is making the bosses irritable, and this has infected even the party press.

The party is rent asunder by internal dissensions and the different prominent wings are busy with dark lanterns looking for each other, ready to knife the foremost leaders.

THE FRENCH SHORE QUESTION. The fact that the *modus vivendi* with France, with reference to the French Shore of Newfoundland, has not been renewed, and that no steps have been taken to settle this matter with France, is a subject of much concern in the ancient colony. The Newfoundland government do not wish the *modus vivendi* renewed, and it claims that the French codfishery on the Newfoundland coast is practically valueless. It has been proposed that the British government should purchase the French rights obtained under the Treaty of Utrecht and at the same time buy the small islands of St. Pierre & Miquelon. It has also been suggested that Britain give France some territorial compensation, say in Africa or the far East, but this proposal does not meet with the approval of British publicists. There

is a very general opinion that the French rights would not cost an exorbitant sum of money, and if the amount could not be agreed upon between the two powers, it might be settled by arbitration.

The Newfoundlanders have been protesting from year to year against the renewal of the *modus vivendi* and complain bitterly of French interference with the Treaty Shore. They very properly maintain that these conditions should not be permitted to continue and also that the French islands are the homes of smugglers who take advantage of their situation to practice their illegal trade.

The question of the *modus vivendi* came up in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday but nothing was apparently done. It is believed that the whole affair is in statu quo and that neither government has taken any definite step in the matter. In the meantime the Newfoundlanders are becoming indignant at the inaction of the Colonial office. It is to be hoped that a satisfactory settlement of this vexatious question will be reached in the near future.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGES. The Toronto Globe in speaking of the proposal to remove from the bench certain judges who are incapacitated by age or other infirmities from performing their duties, says:

We have the well-known case of a judge who is deaf. There is a county judge who is deaf, who is 83 years of age, and whose memory might be expected to be somewhat impaired, and who by the time a case is finished has forgotten what was said at the beginning. Three other judges have passed or are near the age of eighty years, and ought to be superannuated. Another, somewhat younger, is partly paralyzed. Another is so afflicted with paralysis that for a long time a deputy has discharged his duties.

Our contemporary very properly maintains that such a condition of affairs invites grave injustice. It is unfair to the lawyers who practice before judges, as the inability to hear or fairly grasp an argument may be the cause of a suit being lost and thus their clients made to suffer by reason of the physical infirmity of the administrator of justice. In other words of life incapacity through age or other physical weakness generally results in the retirement of the official and the same should apply with equal force to the occupants of the bench. It is not so long ago that the lawyers in one section of Ontario petitioned the Minister of Justice to remove a prominent judge from the bench because of his inability to hear the evidence offered in court and the arguments of counsel. This gentleman, we believe, is still on the bench. If he were in the physical condition stated by the lawyers he should have been superannuated. Imagine any railway employing a locomotive engineer who was blind or deaf. The railway company is responsible for the safety of the passengers and this latter is the first consideration with them. In a like manner the interests of the parties in litigation are of equal importance and should have consideration. If the statements contained in the Toronto Globe are correct the government should take some action. The retiring allowance given judges is such that they can live in comfort for the rest of their lives.

AN OPINION THAT CUTS NO ICE. The Montreal harbor board delegates have returned home and some of them have given the press impressions of their trip. The following paragraph from the Montreal Star will be surprising news to our citizens:

In all places visited they had been received with the greatest consideration, and all possible information had been accorded them. Mr. Torrance called attention to the fact that with the sole exception of Halifax harbor they had constantly encountered ice on the journey. Even as far down as Chesapeake Bay floating ice in the harbors was plentiful, while in the trip from Baltimore to Newport News, the boat on which they were passengers had to actually cut its way through the ice. The Halifax people informed them that in spite of the port being so far north it was always free from ice.

It would be interesting to know if Mr. Torrance found ice in the harbor of St. John, as it is to be inferred from the above statement in the interview. It is the first time that we have ever heard of this port being obstructed by floating ice in winter. It is also news to hear that Halifax is always free from ice.

NOTE AND COMMENT. The anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria. . . . The man behind the bar is causing as much talk in Ontario as the man behind the gun. . . . Joe Martin has decided to support Mr. Riley, the Liberal nominee in Victoria, B. C. Joe is not looking for trouble. . . . It is rumored that Great Britain will apply a countervailing duty unless the bounties on beet sugar are removed. This will either bet the Dutch or be Dutch crushed. . . . The green goods man are being succeeded in New York and other American cities by the financial bubble man. It is generally the confiding public, however, who are burst. . . . The Tory press is endeavoring to divert attention from the party losses in Ontario and the reduction of the Tory majorities in West Hastings and Addington. These constituencies will soon fall in line for the Liberal party. . . . Our Tory contemporaries were silent when the government purchased the Harris property for \$300,000 and then

handed it over to the boys as a base ball ground. We mention this fact lest they forget. . . . The Tories of Ontario are now reviling Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P., for not lending them a hand in the by-elections. They have evidently forgotten that he spoke in York and Mr. Gibson's majority was increased tenfold. . . . The Halifax Herald has been suffering for sometime from a disease known as anti-Tartarism. The Toronto Mail and Empire and Hamilton Spectator were also suffering from the same disease, but West York has had a curative effect. . . . That republican country, the United States, is fairly beset itself with joy at the anticipated visit of Prince Henry of Prussia. The people are evidently enamored of monarchy and yet they are supposed to despise anything of that nature. What would George Washington say? . . . The cheese trade of Canada is growing. Last year this country sent three times as much cheese to Great Britain as did the United States, which held second place. The respective values were \$3,697,780 and \$1,274,061. This is a great country.

CENTREVILLE FIRE. Two Buildings, With All Their Contents, Go Down Before the Fire-Friend—Customs Books Burnt. Fire broke out Wednesday night in the building known as the "Cloth Store," a large two story building forming part of the Balloch estate. The lower floor was occupied by Mrs. William Balloch as a cloth and wool exchange, and in one compartment upstairs the customs collector, Everett Harvill, had his office. The building was in flames before the fire was noticed. All the stock was removed from the lower floor but nothing from the upper, even the books of the customs department being destroyed. The household effects of Mrs. Merritt were stored in one of the rooms and were all burnt. The fire spread to the next building, owned by Lindlow Clark, and used for a post office. Everything was removed from this building without damage and in about an hour after the fire broke out both buildings were completely demolished. They were both insured. The post office will be opened in the vacant building opposite the Exchange Hotel.

THE HORSE FAIR. The original of the NIAGARA FALLS Artogravure is the work of Mr. Frank Cecil Schlitzer, and is the finest art effort extant of nature's greatest wonder. All who have heard descriptions of this greatest piece of Canadian scenery, as well as the many who have seen it, will desire to become the possessor of this artogravure, which is a wonder in art coloring. . . . We have also secured a splendid reproduction, in black and white, of the latest pictures of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. These are separate plates on heavy paper, each being 18x24 inches, and are very artistically gotten up with a border of roses.

MORE GRAIN SEED. Government Will Give Free Samples to Enterprising Farmers. Ottawa, Jan. 22.—By instructions of the honorable minister of agriculture, another two parcels will be mailed this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured by the director of the experimental farms from the record-breaking crops recently had in the Canadian Northwest. It will be worth while for farmers generally to renew their seed of oats when varieties which have produced more than 100 bushels per acre can be had. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, field peas, Indian corn and potatoes. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail. Applications should be addressed to the director of experimental farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 15th of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort of variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the kind asked for be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place.

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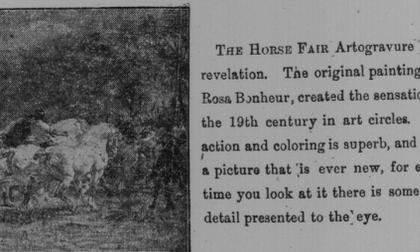
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