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THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL AND
KENT COUNTY.

The redistribution bill will be introduced at Ottawa within a few days and there is much speculation in regard to the probable changes in the boundaries of the constituencies. Owing to the proportionately small gain of Ontario in population, the province stands to have its representation reduced by five members, and while it is certain that Bothwell will be wiped out, Kent with its 57,422, and Lambton with its 56,642 population must be content with two members each, although the two counties are almost entitled to five members according to the unit of population for each member. We speak of counties above because it is assumed that the Government will stand, in this case at least, by the old Liberal pledge to not divide counties even to equalize the representation.

The County of Kent, therefore, will be given two members, and here it is that local politicians find room for speculation in regard to how the county will be divided, so as to have the two ridings nearly balance in population. Some naturally conclude that the present division of the riding for Legislative purposes will be followed, but when it is pointed out that according to the recent census returns, West Kent's population exceeds that of East Kent by over 10,000, they are not quite so sure of their ground. The fact is, as the figures prove, that while the two ridings were nearly equal in population in 1871 (the East at that time having a population of 19,772 and the West a population of 20,862), the latter has been constantly increasing, while the East, since 1881, has been losing, until the disparity, as already stated, exceeds 10,000.

The Dominion authorities cannot well follow the division of the county for Ontario elections.

The following detailed table taken from the three last census returns, taken in connection with the total returns for 1871 given above, will no doubt prove interesting at this particular time.

East Riding	1901	1891	1881	1871
Orford	3347	3479	3796	3113
Howard	3243	3626	3962	4512
Ridgeway	2405	2254	1838	
Harwich	5494	6017	6410	5974
Blenheim	1653	1708	1212	
Camden	2811	2993	3239	
Thamesville	854	798	740	4086
Dresden	1613	2168	1979	
Zone	1326	1401	1395	1083
Bothwell	907	887	965	995

Total	23,663	25,231	25,306	19,772
West Riding	1901	1891	1881	1871
City Chatham	9068	9652	7873	5873
Chatham Tp.	9049	8160	5907	5036
Wallaceburg	2763	2726	1925	
Dover	4484	4415	4447	3315
Raleigh	4844	4955	5298	4081
Tilbury East	3456	3033	2872	1846
Tilbury Village	1012	925		
Romney	2103	1534	1082	711

Total 33,759 32,790 29,004 20,862
West over East, 10,965 7559 3698 1090
It has been suggested that Harwich and Blenheim be transferred from the East to the West, and Chatham township and Wallaceburg given to the East in return. That would give a west riding with 32,104, as against an east riding with 25,318. A little better, but still a difference of nearly 7,000.

Nature comes to the aid of the politicians with a solution. The River Thames naturally divides Kent county, and instead of an East and West Kent, why should there not be a North and South Kent, the city of Chatham going with the north? The new north riding would have a population of 29,865, and the new south riding a population of 27,557, a difference of 1,300—Ridgeway, Dominion.

A Dresden man ordered a barrel of fish for Lent to be shipped to the local depot. On calling for the goods and noticing C. O. D. in large letters on the barrel, he exclaimed: "—those people, I ordered herring."—Glencoe Transcript.

Premier Ross has now two shining examples in the resignation line—Frank Sullivan, son of "Cap" Sullivan of that ilk, and President Castro. Surely Hon. G. W. is not going to be made to look like an also-ran by these pure-souled, high-minded patriots.—Ottawa Citizen.

A GENTLEMAN DEFINED.
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It May Be the Reason.
"Do you know why all the world loves a lover?"
"Is that a conundrum?"
"It is."
"Well, what's the answer?"
"Because he makes such a blooming fool of himself, and the world likes to laugh."—Chicago Post.

Our Language.
Mistress (calling downstairs)—Oh, Bridget! What was that crash? You haven't gone and broken that vase?
Bridget—Yes, mum. Oi—
Mistress—Oh, how did you come to do it?
Bridget—Oi didn't go to do it, mum.—Philadelphia Press.

Her Only Comment.
Diggsby (glancing over paper)—Ah, here's another case of a man committing suicide because his home was unhappy.
Mrs. Diggsby—Well, I suppose the widow's home will be happier than the wife's was.—Chicago News.

Cause For Opinion.
He—I always thought that Bragge belonged to the yacht club until I met him there last night.
She—And doesn't he?
He—Well, I inferred from his manner that the yacht club belonged to him.—Town Topics.

Looking Backward.
"Pa, did you ever have any halcyon days?"
"Oh, yes; lots of them." Mr. Henpeck replied, looking cautiously around. "I didn't get married until I was nearly thirty years old."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Sure Cure.
"It was a good thing for Stutterton that he married Miss Gassaway. She's curing him of his stammering habit."
"You don't say?"
"Yes. She doesn't give him a chance to talk at all now."—Philadelphia Press.

Helped Him Out.
"How did he happen to back her as a star in that new play?"
"Oh, she overheard him one day singing 'I Want to Be an Angel' and helped him have his wish."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Bleeding Patients.
Caspar—Among the ancient doctors bleeding the patient was the first operation in treating a case.
Charlie—And now it's the last.—Harvard Lampoon.

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Almost any evening, at dinner time, there may be seen in a well-known downtown restaurant a group of young men, who occupy always the same corner and spend a long time talking over their coffee and cigars. They are all college graduates of a recent date, occupied in the day in getting a start in life, or, as one of them, who is engaged in some sort of literary work, more picturesquely puts it, "bucking the metropolis with a stub pen." Few have heard their talk, for when a stranger falls among them they are decorously polite, but uncommunicative, in the spirit of their leader. A few, however, have been initiated, and describe the conversations as "a series of carefully cultivated cynicisms, led by a lecture." Thus do their guests become victims to phrase-making.

"It would be hard to diagnose their complaint," said one of these victims; "they are so cheerful in their woe. Nothing at present suits them, and they all pronounce their daily tasks a bore. But they are not bothered with reform notions and don't make a public fuss. I suspect they all cherish secret ambitions of winning commonplace successes, and swap their melancholy epigrams because they have no other way at present to maintain that academic seclusiveness your college graduate usually feels the lack of during the first years of his plunge into life. However, there's some truth and humor in their talk that needn't be summarily dismissed as dowdy faced cynicism."

And the speaker narrated as nearly as he could a speech of the leader on the subject of "How to Be Successful Though Educated." The young man knocked his cigarette ash into the dregs of his coffee and said: "I've thought this all out, as Devery does his brilliant. It's not impromptu. I was burdened with the conception by too much paternal advice on how to succeed. We get too much of that advice on all hands. The path from the log cabin to the White House has been exploited and explained; we have been taught how to be happy though married, and it only remains to put the teaching into practice—a minor detail; magazines conducted by underpaid editors have told us how to get from home to college with a cow for capital; the lives of our captains of industry have been laid bare from their always humble beginnings, but the really useful work is the one not done. Who will tell us how to be successful though educated?"

"The worst that may be said of a college training (until the chair of success is founded) is that it gives a young man ambitions. After all, the youth whose capital is a cow in most instances prefers to keep his capital and milk it; the boy in the log cabin hopes some day to build a house with store shingles; the young worker in the steel mill thinks he may in time rise to be a foreman, and is content if he does. But the college graduate has ambitions. Nurtured in romance, fed on history, filled with the keen relish for intellectual excitement and the power of intellectual mastery, he is yearly turned by the thousand into the hard world, with ambitions, but no job."

"There are open for him the law and medicine; but each requires three or four more years of training, and then an additional period of unremunerative waiting. There is business, but already the high school graduate has a four years' start, which, when all is said, the classics and French literature do not help to overcome. He might write novels, but his taste is too good, and his knowledge of art bars him from the drama. To be sure, there is teaching; the world still puts up with a little education in its teachers. Yet, as women will teach cheaper, even that field is restricted. It is no wonder that there are so many men of culture in the mines of Mexico and Alaska, or that so few of us college men marry before we are thirty."

"Then someone asked this gloomy teacher of twenty-three, whose remarks were greeted with no applause, but quiet approval, said the outsider, 'what he proposed to do about it. His answer was characteristic. To-morrow I play golf,' he said."—N. Y. "Tribune."

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"I am going to the Flipp Theater to see the new burlesque," announced another new-comer.

"Boy," ordered the haggard man, "run out to Mr. Smith's and tell his wife that he will not be home to-night, because he has to attend to a perplexing column of figures."

"I am going to attend a quiet little wine-supper," whispered a third new-comer.

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