

Notes and Comments

The man who loses his shadow gets ahead of the detective.

Lord Burnham says that the eyes of the Imperial Press delegates have been opened as to the possibilities of this Dominion. Of course, this is the Twentieth Century Country.

MONTREAL, Sept. 7.—The statistics compiled by the Lovell company for the new issue of the city directory gave the city of Montreal a population of 801,216, making it the fifth largest city on the continent.

The Financial Times of Montreal says the "prophecy is made that sugar will be down to the vicinity of 10 cents per pound ere long, bringing it back not far from pre-war prices." Cheer up! Keep the glad news going.

A plague of lizards has descended upon Manitoba. A few years ago the Prairie was overrun with the pestiferous grasshoppers. Down in this happy land, both grasshoppers and lizards are perfectly well behaved. Don't go west, young man!

A Montreal dealer is authority for the good news that the peak has been reached in the prices of woolsens. From now on a gradual decline in the prices of finished goods may be expected. Again the slump in the United States is credited with affecting the Canadian prices.

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Canada's sixth census will be taken next year. The first was taken in 1871. The population then was 3,669,257. The Bureau of Statistics estimates the present population at 8,750,000, which will be an increase of about 1,500,000 over that of 1911, considerable less than the increase in the preceding decade between 1901 and 1911.

Appropos of this record made at the Olympic Games, a writer in The Manchester Guardian points out that no amount of training could produce runners from the side of the Atlantic capable of beating some of the Tarahumare Indians, who—fortunately for other nations—do not compete in the Olympic Games. These Indians of whom about 15,000 survive in Mexico, are in great demand as Government couriers, for they are said to be able to cover 170 miles a day on foot, and have been known to run 600 miles in five days. "When short of ammunition," writes Mr. G. C. Terry, "the Tarahumare Indians will run down a deer. Half a dozen men will take part in the chase. They head off the animal, taking up the pursuit in relays, until finally the poor beast, running in ever-narrowing circles, drops from sheer exhaustion. They also chase and capture the wild turkey in the same fashion."

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APPLE SUCKER QUARANTINE IN NOVA SCOTIA

The apple sucker a new and foreign pest was discovered in Nova Scotia in the summer of 1919. This pest is a native of the old world and is a serious apple pest, particularly in England. The insect passes the winter in the egg stage on the host plant, and in order to prevent its distribution into new territory on nursery stock, an Order-in-council was passed on November 28th, 1919, forbidding the shipment of apple stock from the infested area. As a result of scouting work carried on during the past summer, this pest has been found in certain portions of Kings, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland counties in Nova Scotia. As a result of this it has been necessary to replace the Order-in-council passed last year by a Ministerial Order which went into effect on August 21, 1920. This order quarantines the counties of Kings, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland, but provides for the movement of nursery stock under certain conditions. No nursery stock may be moved from points within the quarantined district to points outside the quarantined district unless accompanied by a certificate of inspection, and no nursery stock may be moved within the quarantined area unless accompanied by a permit. No certificate or permit will be issued for shipment of apples, pear, plum or quince stock from points within the area actually infested by this pest to points outside that area: it is permissible, however, to make such shipments within the infested area provided they are accompanied by a permit. An inspector will be stationed at Wolfville, during the shipping season, to inspect all shipments going out and to issue the necessary certificates or permits. Nurserymen or others intending to ship out stock from the quarantined counties should apply well in advance of the intended date of shipment for the services of an inspector. Applications should be addressed either to the Inspector in Charge, Apple Sucker Quarantine, Wolfville, N. S., or the Dominion Entomologist, Ottawa. Further details regarding this quarantine may be had by applying to either of the above officials or to the Provincial Entomologist, Truro, N. S.

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