

## What The World is Saying.

### Taking a High Stand.

A Canadian clergyman has climbed to the top of Mount Robson, the highest peak of the Rockies. Practicing on the steep and narrow way.—Toronto News.

### Thankfulness.

We have one thing to be thankful for in the fact that we need not worry any more about the crops until next year.—Wainwright Star.

### Coming to the Front.

The British colonies are now fifth on the list of coal producing countries in the world. Their total output is greater than that of any European country, except Germany and Austria.—New York Tribune.

### How to Get to Whoopup.

The town of Whoopup is on the Crow's Nest Railway, in the Province of Alberta. From Medicine Hat you pass Bull's Head, Purple Springs, and Chin to reach Whoopup.—Toronto News.

### Will be a Feast for the Mosquitos.

Winnipeg is once more agitating for a regiment of "Kilties." What with mosquitoes in summer and Jack Frost in winter, the general impression is that the "Kilties" would have quite a time.—Hamilton Spectator.

### Partizanship.

There are certain papers so obsessed with political partizanship that the only reason why they do not make human salvation a political issue is that no particular party has declared itself in favor thereof.—Brantford Expositor.

### Mr Hill's Wheat Prediction.

Mr. James J. Hill predicts that in 1915 the United States will be buying wheat from Canada. Canada has no objection to becoming the granary of the continent as well as the granary of the Empire.—Regina Leader.

### Freak Marriage Law Amended.

No longer will Vancouver be the Gretna Green for Washington State. The inspection before marriage law has proven unworkable, and has been amended. Thus does Cupid laugh at freak legislators.—Chicago Tribune.

### Quick Returns.

What country in the world can equal this record? A farmer at Rosenfeld, Manitoba, put his seed in on May 14, cut his wheat on August 14, and had it threshed and delivered at the elevator on August 19, or 101 days from sowing to market.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

### No Big Game Near Toronto.

English journals will please understand that the two bears that were being hunted in the west end of Toronto yesterday, were not real wild ones that prowled in from the surrounding woods, but two cubs that were being carried to the Zoo.—Toronto Telegram.

### Evil Influences on Young Minds.

At the meeting at Seattle of the American Prison Association, Dr. Daniel Phelan of Kingston, Ont., declared his belief that immoral literature, plays, exhibitions and pictures have an evil effect on young minds, and especially on naturally weak minds. Dr. Phelan, as a penitentiary physician, has had an opportunity to study his subject.—Victoria Colonist.

### Safety of British Railways.

Not a single railway passenger lost his life in a train in the United Kingdom last year. What a contrast to this continent, especially when the rate of speed of the two sets of trains is considered. The British railways are not only the safest in the world; they are also those which give the quickest service.—New York World.

### A Cheerful Chirp from Ontario.

Somewhere in this old world there may be nicer weather, and prettier girls, and cooler churches, and greener grass, and lovelier flowers, and better times, than in Ontario, but our name is Thomas, and we're from Missouri. Anybody who doesn't throw up his hat and cheer because he's alive in this favored land these days must have something crooked in his moral system somewhere.—Belleville Intelligencer.

### Round the World in Forty-one Days.

When Julius Verne wrote his romance of "Round the World in Eighty Days" he was considered an absolute visionary. Yet only about twenty years have passed and some American schoolboys have made the round trip in 41 days 8 hours, and that without any use of extraordinary facilities. The world does, indeed, get smaller as the years roll on.—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

### Flying the Flag.

William Mackenzie is reported as saying that nobody will stay at an hotel in Canada unless it has a Union Jack flying. Mr. Mackenzie sees more than most men, but in this case, if correctly reported, has seen more than anybody else. But it would be a nice thing for us all to see. The Union Jack is a mightily good-looking flag, and adorns any landscape.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

### An Ignorant Judge.

A Washington judge has decided that playing marbles "for keeps" is gambling. That judge never played marbles or he would know that it is no game of chance; that the chap who can shoot straight gets the marbles and the other fellows have no chance at all. If this is wrong, then the whole business system of the world is wrong. For what is this but a game into which one puts his money or his work, depending on his skill to win it back with something more?—Edmonton Bulletin.

### The Cup that Cheers.

Tea-drinkers will be pleased to learn that the Government Analyst at Ottawa reports that the tea sold in this country is really tea. Of 222 samples analyzed—all of the cheapest varieties—he found that all were "botanically true to name," that is, that there was no admixture of foreign leaves. Of the 222 samples, 50 were below standard in quality.—Calgary News.

### Do You Know Where Ungava Is.

The paragraphers are making merry over the answers perpetrated by some would-be Normal school entrants. "They must be fools," says the Windsor Record. Some time, however, it might be a wise idea to examine some of the older folk—on their knowledge of Canada, for instance. Quite a number of Toronto citizens, and probably nearly everybody in Hamilton would place Ungava in Africa. The young folks should cheer up. The critics don't know so much, either.—Toronto Globe.

### Five Hundred Miles of Freight Cars.

It will take five hundred miles of freight cars to move the Western crop this year. Sir Charles Tupper once predicted that the West would produce 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, whereupon the pessimists pursued him with figures showing that if it did anything of the kind the number of freight cars needed to move the crop would be so great as to make one continuous train hundreds of miles in length. Sir Charles was, however, a good prophet, for his prediction has already been verified.—Montreal Gazette.

### Fewer Cigarettes Smoked.

Thirty million less cigarettes were consumed in Canada last year than during the previous year. Mr. Templeman presides over the smoking department of the Dominion Government, and it would be interesting to have him tell us, if he can, why this is thus. Is the seductive cigarette losing its power to harm? Has the law against sales to small boys stopped the consumption? Have more people, like the Minister himself, taken to the use of the aristocratic cigar, or have a greater number adopted the democratic pipe? In all seriousness, the question is a very interesting one. With a growing population we have a smaller consumption of cigarettes.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

### A Sensible Editor.

Somebody wrote a letter to the Aylmer Express in which nasty things were said about the editor, who replied as follows: "Owing to the fact that the public are not particularly interested in a personal discussion of our merits and demerits, and also that we are so confoundedly thick-skinned and thick-headed that we can hardly tell when we are hit, we shall not attempt to reply in kind." This is sensible. In more ways than one the Aylmer editor is onto his job. Toronto Star.

### Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

In the Toronto Star a correspondent recommended an increase of public facilities for bathing on the ground that "in the great Book it is stated that cleanliness comes next to godliness." Another in reply says: "Would your correspondent kindly inform your readers where that expression is to be found in 'the great Book,' as I have been a close student of that Book for a great many years and I have never come across it. Indeed, I strongly suspect that there is no such expression contained in the Bible." He is right. It was John Wesley that coined the expression as it is used in common speech, but nine persons out of ten will declare it to be scripture.—Windsor Record.

### Prince Ito's Opinion of China.

Prince Ito, of Japan, doubts that China can successfully adopt a constitution. He gives three reasons for this belief. One is that the enormous area of the country and the defective means of communication would impede the assembly of a parliament. Another is that Chinese conservatism is so inflexible that it would be almost impossible now to bring about such changes as parliamentary government would involve. The third is that the Chinese having had no experience in local self-government, cannot be trusted to administer a representative national government. He thinks that any attempt to establish constitutional government in China would imperil the peace of the Orient.—London Times.

### The Western Way.

It is impossible to damp the enthusiasm of the Westerner. When Mr. E. J. Chamberlain, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, passed through Wainwright, Sask., the other day en route from Winnipeg to Edmonton he was waited upon by a delegation of the Board of Trade which asked that their town should be selected as the starting point of the branch to Calgary. They were told that the request could not be granted because a place named Tofield had already been selected. Were they discomfited? Not a bit. Three of the deputation set out at once to drive 35 miles to Hardisty to catch the morning train for Edmonton, in order to bring pressure to bear upon Premier Rutherford and Attorney-General Cross to persuade the G. T. P. to change its plans. How's that for civic enthusiasm?—Ottawa Free Press.

### The Party Press.

There does yet exist and no doubt will continue to exist for an indefinite period the newspaper which slavishly supports or slavishly opposes a Government, but its power is on the wane and must eventually cease altogether. The public is becoming more intelligent on matters of politics and more critical and the tendency is well marked already, to demand reliable news and honest and deliberately formed opinions from the press. The intensity of party feeling which marked the earlier days of Confederation has not yet disappeared, it is true, and to the fact that it has not disappeared is due the failure of Canadian newspapers frankly to criticize what in the administration of their party Governments deserves to be criticised.—The Weekly Sun.

### The Great Trek from the States.

The American trek to the Canadian West is assuming unprecedented proportions, and the total number of immigrants may reach 80,000 for the current year. Canadian officials are incessantly advertising the virgin farm lands of their Prairie Provinces in our northwestern States, and they look for a movement in the immediate future that will overshadow that in the past. There are 200 firms in Minneapolis dealing in Canadian lands, and last year the same city had but 50. The big crop now being harvested in Manitoba will still further advertise the country among other Western farmers, who cannot visit a State fair or a country cattle show without facing the alluring Canadian posters and hearing the paid lecturer grow eloquent over the wonders of the far North, where "Old Glory" is never seen. The Superintendent of Canadian Immigration, who spends his time campaigning on this side of the boundary, evidently, reports that he finds no opposition to his efforts in this country. The Washington Government shows no unfriendly feeling, and the only competition encountered is that from the southern States. We are losing to Canada thousands of our best Western population, and the void is filled by the torrent that flows in at Ellis Island.—Springfield Republican.