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Peculiarities

AT Sandwich jail in the County of Essex, Ontario, Governor John Harmon finds himself in a strange situation, being his own prisoner. Judge McHugh recently issued an order directing him as governor to commit himself and for the past twenty days he has been filling a dual part. A company in Nova Scotia, to which he had been indebted before he became a government official, pressed for payment and secured a judgment in the division court. On his failure to follow the judge's directions the order to commit him for contempt was secured. He is not required to lock himself in, but can come and go at his own free will so long as he does not run away from himself. The situation is as good as anything in comic opera and is highly enjoyed by the Governor and his many friends.

They are resourceful people in the Golden West. Gilbert Plains found itself in need of a hundred harvest and threshing hands, and in order to get them, resorted to the novel plan of having a card printed with the name of the representative of the farmers of that municipality—J. A. Fortune.

Three months in Canada and half of that in jail is the record of Arthur Swansborough, a sixteen-year-old English boy whose case was laid before the Governor-General. His Excellency ordered the youth to be deported and Canada will soon be rid of this undesirable citizen, who will probably give the Dominion a reputation for inhospitality on his return to England.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Reid of the Seventh Regiment, London, is in receipt of a personal letter from General Welch, of the Sixty-Fifth, New York Regiment, Buffalo, in which he compliments the boys of the Seventh on their excellent behaviour during their visit to Buffalo. There were no unpleasant flag incidents.

The days of long treks are not yet over as was evidenced by the arrival of Fred Leiding at Sheho, Saskatchewan, last month, after having driven his team and wagon containing his effects all the way from Borton, South Dakota, a distance of nearly six hundred miles. He has taken a homestead a few miles north of Sheho and says he is glad that he took the drive.

Hon. George P. Graham announces in the Brockville Recorder in the following racy paragraph that he will continue to reside in the Island City: "The Minister of Railways and Canals will still reside in Brockville, so long as he can pay his taxes and the sheriff and bailiff do not interfere with the peaceable possession of his home. Ottawa is a nice city, but the world has produced only one Brockville."

Mrs. August Edstrom, the wife of a Swedish farmer living twenty-eight miles north of Minnedosa, Manitoba, was lost in the bush for several days, having been in search of strayed cattle. Although over sixty years of age, Mrs. Edstrom is rapidly recovering from her harrowing experience. For six days wild fruit was her diet but she finally reached the home of a distant neighbour.

The "Ancient Capital" believes in high living and plain thinking. The autocratic dairymen of Quebec have published the sad news that milk will be ten cents a quart during the coming winter. This is how they get even for the recent system of inspection established by the city authorities. With the price of beef and milk rapidly ascending, the cow should be a haughty animal.

A fisherman while lifting his nets off Van Buren Point in Lake Erie discovered the wreck of the propeller, "Dean Richmond," which was lost in a storm with all on

board during a gale in October, 1893. The lost vessel had a cargo of lead and copper ore valued at \$25,000 and vain attempts have frequently been made to find out where she sank.

A rather curious re-union took place recently in Wilberforce, Ontario, when one member of the Cutchaw family, who had been adopted in infancy by Pembroke friends and who had not seen her parents for thirty-four years, came back from Michigan to visit her native county.

The Canadian small boy is at home almost anywhere. Jack Dillon, of Ottawa, aged seven, recently crossed the Atlantic alone on a visit to his grandfather and informed an English reporter that he had been "across" before.

Canadian post office employees have no reason to be friendly to the picture post card craze, but they are hardly so afflicted as those across the border. On Labour Day, at Niagara Falls, N.Y., a clerk sold 32,000 one-cent stamps in an hour and a half to be used on cards.

Hamilton, Ontario, has a spirit of enterprise which is carried into every department of municipal affairs. Early last spring the Cemetery Board arranged a competition among the employees engaged upon the various sections of the Cemetery and promised prizes for the best kept sections. The competition has just closed and the results were so satisfactory that the Board has decided to continue the system of prize-offering. In encouraging the living and taking care of the dead, it is hard to beat Hamilton.

At Fredericton, N.B., there has been a decidedly interesting situation at Victoria Hospital, where the matron is in opposition to certain physicians on the staff. The former has declared that if she is dismissed, the entire staff of hospital servants will follow her—which is a disaster not to be lightly contemplated.

There has lately been a sea serpent in the St. Croix River, alarming honest fishermen and causing general consternation along the shores. It is now said to be a white whale, belonging properly to Arctic waters which has been led by some playful fancy to try warmer regions. It is said to have a hard, elastic surface, which leads a local paper to inquire plaintively what the sea serpent is "rubbering" about.

The Canadian Club at Winnipeg has given two hundred dollars to the victims of the Quebec Bridge disaster. This is the best address delivered by a Canadian Club during the last two weeks.

A resident of Edmonton was greatly surprised one evening to discover that a bank in the rear of his dwelling had sunk, taking with it the lean-to kitchen. And now some jealous towns in Saskatchewan will be sure to start the report that Edmonton real estate is going down.

It seems that we are never to hear the last of the Alaskan Boundary. Just as we have almost forgotten the ways of Alverstone, the Cheerful Giver, there comes to Winnipeg a traveller named Leo Nabokoff, a friend of Count Tolstoi, who has unearthed some ancient Russian documents in Alaska which materially affect Canada's position, showing how Russia forged evidences of early occupation of the Pacific Coast.

The problem of domestic assistance affects East and West alike. A German domestic out in Morris, Manitoba, inadvertently gave her mistress and a caller, a solution of Paris Green by way of afternoon tea. It is really very hard to secure a maid who combines intelligence with industry.

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