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New York and Old London in
Summer.

The extreme heat calls attention to the fact that during one week last summer, in the tenement house district of New York, 540 babies under 1 year of age died. No doubt many of these little lives would have been saved, if their surroundings had been favorable. No one knows what the world has lost when even one infant dies. When Prof. Simpson, of Edinburgh, the discoverer of chloroform, was born, the neighbor-women said, "That's one bairn too many in the world, anyway." How mistaken they were, and what a blessing he proved to be to mankind!

The congested districts of large cities are hard problems. The question of the poor is an ever-present difficult question. The other day, in Brooklyn, a policeman came across a woman and three children, who had lived ten days in a vacant lot. Their clothes had been more than once drenched, and the mother was engaged, when discovered by the policeman, in covering the children with the wet clothing; and it was then raining heavily. The policeman took charge of them and provided for their immediate wants.

Much is being done to relieve the distress caused by overcrowding in large cities, but it increases almost as fast as it is relieved. Electricity and rapid transit are factors that do good service. The tearing down of buildings and making open spaces or little parks is also good work.

One feels as if all the ills we suffer, in a place like London, are insignificant when compared with what the poor suffer in large cities. Comparatively speaking, we have no poor here; yet we have questions of a similar nature, which our civic rulers should attend to in time, and which if attended to will make life better than it is. The questions we refer to are, parks, playgrounds, swimming baths, etc. Take the soldiers attending camp during the recent hot week. If they could have had a good dousing in the river, they would, we venture to say, have gratefully thanked those who provided the means to obtain it.

The Picturesque Thames.

Our city, in spite of its inland character, is not without its natural endowments. Its clean and shady streets have become justly famous, and the painstaking efforts on the part of the citizens have honestly won for it the title of "The Forest City." The picturesqueness is not all within the confines of the city, nor can Springfield, beautiful and attractive as it is, be said to hold a monopoly of scenic endowment.

We direct attention to the Thames. Considering the river as a fishing resource, it can hardly be said that its possibilities have been ignored. Much might be said, however, concerning its pleasurable side. The erection of the Springfield dam has again rendered boating and canoeing possible. During the hot weather that may be expected in July and August, what better ending could each day have than two or three hours on the river? Man is a sort of aquatic animal, a kind of amphibian, at least inasmuch as he possesses a great fondness for lake or stream. The peacefully gliding canoe will tend to soothe the tired mind or the weary frame, while the eyes are feasting on the splendor of the setting sun, with its variegated gold and crimson tinging fleecy clouds, that disappear as the shades of night deepen. The rising moon appears in the heavens thick set with stars, and as pelucid in their charms as if they had been washed by angels. Thus may we commune with nature, "knowing that nature never did betray the heart that loved her."

Too Many "Flats" in Modern
Songs.

The Brockville Times is becoming weary of "rag-time" music, and makes this vigorous protest against the craze for silly songs of the "Goo-goo-eyes" variety:

"Many months ago there came to Brockville, one fatal evening, a negro minstrel troupe, which gave a performance in the opera house. During the performance one of the principal performers sang about a girl, with a refrain just because she made them 'goo-goo-eyes,' and since that time there has been nothing else but that infernal melody, day and night ringing in the public ear. Every boy driving a delivery wagon or carrying parcels or playing, is whistling this maddening refrain, to say nothing of older persons who ought to know better. None of them whistle the whole air, they merely repeat with 'damnable iteration' the few bars with the 'goo-goo-eyes' in it."

It is a fact that nine in ten of the songs published nowadays, even by the old and reputable houses, possess neither music nor sense. The most attractive thing about them is, usually, the gaudy lithographed cover, containing a portrait of the author in a self-complacent pose. If one would

be convinced of this, he has but to go into a music store and scan the first song his eye rests upon. The chances are nine to one that it will be of the kind against which the Brockville Times protests. The rag-time craze will, however, wear itself out; and, in the meantime, we are fortunate in getting an occasional grain of musical wheat from bushels of musical chaff that are dumped upon us.

The Holiday Season.

This annual event has arrived once more. For the next two months there will be seen a continual exodus from town and city to the seashore, or other watering places, or perhaps the seclusion of the country home, with its immunity from the noise and tension of city life. In fact, the all-absorbing question to many people is, "Where shall I spend my vacation? To those who have a customary two months, the problem is not so difficult; to the business man or to him with only two weeks at his disposal, the question is, "How can I obtain the greatest satisfaction in the given time?" There is seemingly no end to the places where an enjoyable time might be spent. The majority of people are, however, spared the bewilderment of making a selection on account of the limited means or time at their disposal. They are induced to feel with Epictetus that happiness or enjoyment can be obtained as well, perhaps better, from eliminating one's desires as from seeking to satisfy them. Among the chief things that one's holidays should bring are rest, relaxation and freedom from care, so far as these are possible. Too much rest, however, is likely to produce a feeling of ennui, a feeling that is avoided by many by engaging in some active employment. They seek satisfaction in the novelty of change. The comforts of home life are replaced by the primitive and improvised surroundings of the camp. It is necessary that there should be an entire absence of care, except the care that too great indulgence and pleasure may not be attended by reaction. One should carefully calculate how much he has to spend and act accordingly. Like John Gilpin's wife, though bent on pleasure, one should always have a frugal mind. Much is to be gained by living an even life and avoiding the extremes of a Goldsmith, whose life swayed between plenty and penury, hovering for the most part on the side of the latter. Let us, then, avoiding excesses, go forth and enjoy all that nature has in store for us, whether it be on the bosom of the placid lake, where the oar or the paddle beats a welcome music, or where in silence, with rod and line, one may pose as a true disciple of the cheerful Walton, or whether it be in the woods or green fields, with the vaulted sky above them, there to participate in that "beauty truly blent," which "Nature's own sweet and cunning hand laid on."

Not long ago there was some talk of introducing a change in the Canadian schools in accent and pronunciation, but it has not come to anything. We do not think the Canadian accent can be much improved. We doubt if there is a part of the King's vast empire where the English language is, on the average, spoken as correctly by everyone as in the greater part of all Canada, certainly in no part of Great Britain itself, with its numerous dialects.—London Advertiser.

The educated Dublin man is said to speak more correctly than his compeer in any other section of the old land. Australians boast about the purity of their tongue which pronounces day, "die" and gate "gite."

In our judgment the purest English is spoken right here in Canada. Ontario's accent is correct to harshness. Nova Scotia gives a softer pronunciation and has, therefore, a more musical English than ours.—Guelph Herald.

Sky and Green Things Growing.
[Robert Louis Stevenson.]
A sight of the sky and some of the world's beauty relieves a mind from morbid thoughts.

Horse Sense.
[Philadelphia Record.]
There's a small grain of wisdom
Which runneth this way:
Men who have horse-sense
Know how to say "neigh."

No Little Imitation Needed.
[Toronto Star.]
Major-General O'Grady - Haly could scarcely so discharge the duties of his position as to suit the militia and the press of this country, because the system having a general officer commanding sent out from England has proved to be a failure, and many in this country who take an interest in the subject are convinced that nobody can make it a success.

There is no reason why we should try to maintain here a little imitation of the British army. If our militia system is ever to develop into anything it must conform to the spirit of the country and adapt itself to the conditions that surround it. Every nation has its own way of fighting, and if Canadians are ever to go to war they must, in order to do the best that is in them, be free to apply their own characteristics to the problems that confront them in a campaign. So long as they can shoot straight, march well, ride hard, and take care of any equal number of any enemy in any kind of a set-to, the Canadian soldiers need not be made to worry much about drill or traditions. So far as much of the drill is concerned, many volunteers think they might as well be taught to dance the lancers or an eight-hand reel, for all the use it is to them now or would be to them in war time. Possibly it may not matter in England what private soldiers think, but here it does matter, for there is no essential difference between the private in the ranks and the colonel at the head of the column. This must be true, to a certain extent, of an army that can be raised in Canada, and the present militia system is not suited to our purposes because it wholly ignores this truth.

THE HOLIDAY
AT HOME
AND ABROADDominion Day Doings in the New
City of Woodstock.Interesting Proceedings at Other
Points—Canadian Soldiers Praised
at the Banquet in Old London.

Woodstock, Ont., July 2.—The town of Woodstock was advanced to the status of a city yesterday, amid all the pomp and enthusiasm that such an occasion demands. Combined with the inaugural ceremonies was an Old Boys' reunion, which attracted large crowds of old Woodstock people from far and near. An estimate of the number of visitors is impossible, for large numbers came in by every train from Toronto, Hamilton, London, Detroit and other places. The place never looked better, for it seemed to have dressed for the occasion. The demonstration opened with a trades procession, which was worthy of note. It contained floats erected by the various business concerns of the city, and it was most creditable. At the conclusion of the parade addresses were delivered in Victoria Park by Mayor Mearns and other prominent speakers. The city inauguration was spoken of and the Old Boys were heartily welcomed.

In the afternoon a programme of sports was put on at the W. A. A. Park, and were witnessed by several thousand people. A balloon ascension was to have been made, but owing to an accident while the balloon was being inflated, it caught fire and burst.

At night Prof. Hand, of Hamilton, gave a programme of fireworks on the W. A. A. Park, and hundreds were in attendance. The city was abundantly decorated, every street being literally lined with flags and Chinese lanterns. Today an Old Boys' picnic will be held and recognized as a holiday.

AT PETERBORO.
Dominion Day was fittingly celebrated by a grand public demonstration, which included a kiltthumpian procession in the morning and a programme of sports on the Nicholl's Park oval in the afternoon, concluding with a brilliant display of fireworks at night from Central Park.

AT GODERICH.
The Goderich street fair opened with large crowds. The city was abundantly decorated, every street being literally lined with flags and Chinese lanterns. Today an Old Boys' picnic will be held and recognized as a holiday.

AT BRANTFORD.
Business was suspended. A large number of citizens left the city for the day, and a goodly number of outsiders visited the city. There were numerous sporting events, chiefly lacrosse. The weather has been extremely hot, the thermometer registering 95 in the shade.

The lacrosse match between St. Catharines and Brantford resulted in favor of St. Catharines by 4 goals to 1. The shooting match between Hamilton and Brantford resulted in favor of Hamilton. Score: Hamilton, 241; Brantford, 239.

AT TORONTO.
The Dominion Day procession was not very successful on account of the absence of the city regiments, who some time ago decided not to participate. The chief features were the firemen's section and the postoffice automobile parade. The parade took place in the morning to Queen's Park, and was watched by many thousands of citizens. At the park brief speeches were made by Mr. Speaker Brodeur, of Ontario, and Hon. G. E. Foster and Mayor Howland.

The speaker's address, which was listened to closely by the 2,000 people who were within earshot, was an eloquent and glowing tribute to the French-Canadian element of Ontario. His reference to the Normans in England and America was very apt. "Gentlemen, why should we not unite?" he asked. "Why should we not join together in order to form a nation? Are we not the descendants of the same men? Is it not true that in the eleventh century the Normans of Normandy crossed over to England and took possession of the British Islands, and made that powerful nation upon which the sun never sets the great British nation? (Cheers.) Is it not true that some centuries later the same Normans came over to this side of the Atlantic, and then discovered and settled Canada, and gave rise to that race to which I am proud to belong? (Cheers.) While we have, then, this same common origin, why cannot we join together?"

IN OLD LONDON.
London, July 2.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal presided last night at the Dominion dinner given at the Hotel Cecil, London, and attended by 300 persons, the company, including Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Aberdeen, and other former Canadian governors-general, Sir Louis Davies, Hon. David Mills, Hon. Sydney Fisher and other Canadian ministers now in London, Gen. Ian Hamilton, Rear Admiral Douglas, Gilbert Parker and other well known men.

Mr. Parker paid a high tribute to the French-Canadians in the South African war.

Admiral Douglas and Gen. Hamilton responded for the navy and army, the latter characterizing the fighting of the Canadians as "the triumph of individual intelligence."

The work of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal was highly eulogized. Mr. Choate, in the course of a letter expressing his regret at being unable to be present, uttered sentiments of hearty goodwill, adding: "We are neighbors, and we must always be good friends."

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking of Canada's material progress, said: "Thirty years ago your thoughts might have been turned to the question of absorption with your powerful friendly neighbor to the south."

This was received with cries of "No," from Mr. Dobbell and the other Canadian ministers.

Mr. Chamberlain—"Yes, you say no, but you would not have said it 30 years ago. Of one thing I am convinced, if our colonies desire closer connection, and will assist us with their counsel and advice, in addition to their arms, there is nothing this country would more readily welcome." Referring to Great Britain's isolation, the colonial secretary said: "I do not think the opinion of civilized Europe today

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