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London's Centennial.

Yesterday, the citizens of this fair center of civilization celebrated their Civic Holiday—a modern innovation, but with a welcome respite for the sons of toil. In reality, however, the people of London could this year truthfully celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the designation of London as a "city," the site of modern London being so proclaimed by Governor Simcoe, then Governor-General, in the year 1796. How it came about is told by an officer of Governor Simcoe's staff, who visited this locality in the spring of 1793, in company with the Governor-General and the famous Indian chief Brant. This is how the future site of a great and thriving city was then sized up in the diary of Officer Littlehales: "Struck the Thames on one end of a low flat island. The rapidity of the current is so great as to have formed a channel through the mainland (being a peninsula) and formed this island. We walked over a rich meadow, and at its extremity reached the forks of the river. The governor wished to examine this situation and its environs, and we therefore stopped here a day. He judged it to be a situation eminently calculated to be the Metropolis of all Canada. Among many other essentials, it possesses the following advantages: Command of territory, internal situation, central position, facility of water communication up and down the Thames, superior navigation for boats to near its source, and for small craft to near the Moravian settlement; to the northward by a small portage flowing into Lake Huron; to the southeast by a carrying place into Lake Ontario and the River St. Lawrence; the soil luxuriously fertile, and the land capable of being easily cleared and soon put into a state of agriculture, a pinery upon an adjacent high knoll, and others on the height, well calculated for the erection of public buildings; and a climate not inferior to any part of Canada." Such was the character given to the site of the present city of London 103 years ago, when Governor Simcoe named it Georgina-on-the-Thames, in honor of the reigning sovereign, and planned it as his great seat of government. In 1796, he so proclaimed it, and doubtless would have carried out his intentions of making London the capital of all the Canadas if he had not then been transferred to the West Indies. Modern Londoners can admire his good taste, and wonder at the lack of appreciation of so eligible a site for a great center of population and influence which Governor Simcoe's successors displayed.

There have been many changes in this neighborhood since the famous governor's proclamation of London as a city one hundred years ago. Through his departure, settlement was entirely neglected for nearly 30 years, not a house being built on the site till 1826, and not until two years afterwards was the postoffice moved into the settlement from Westminster, where it had been established for several years. In 1819, the nearest post-office to London was at Delaware! Going out to mail a letter was no joke in those days. Down to 1840, the settlement formed a part of London township. In that year, a village government was granted, and from 1842 to its incorporation as a city in 1854 it had representatives in the County Council of Middlesex. In 1847, the place passed under a town council in place of a board of police, and in 1854 the city of London was proclaimed in earnest, 58 years after Governor Simcoe's futile proclamation. The city has made steady progress ever since. It has not been "boomed" as some places, on purely speculative grounds, but it has grown because of its admirable position as a manufacturing, trading, railway and educational center. With its magnificent water supply, beautifully shaded avenues, and cheerful, well-kept homes, it is an ideal place of residence, and though not the capital of all Canada, as the governor of 100 years ago so

strongly insisted it ought to be, it is yet the center of the Garden of Canada, and is bound to prosper and progress.

Says the New York World: "Laurier, the new Canadian Premier, might have made a fortune and a reputation at the bar, but he rarely goes into court. He is poor, and it is said that if he were to die now his estate would not amount to more than \$2,000. He is considered the most pleasing orator in Canada, and gained great fame by the first speech he made when he took his seat in the House of Commons."

Six Liberal Victories.

They have had a Liberal revival in Nova Scotia also. A week ago nominations for six vacant seats in the Legislature took place. Four Liberals were returned by acclamation, and in two constituencies a contest was forced between Liberals and Conservatives in Lunenburg and Colchester. In each county the Liberal was triumphantly returned—in Lunenburg by over 700, and in Colchester by 400. These results foreshadow what will occur when the Dominion bye-elections are brought on.

Several city and suburban preachers witnessed yesterday's baseball match, and apparently enjoyed it. Why not? It was entertaining.

Fatal Illness of Hon. W. D. Balfour.

Yesterday afternoon a special telegram from Toronto to The Advertiser brought the sad news that Hon. W. D. Balfour, late Speaker of the Legislature, and but the other day sworn in as Provincial Secretary of Ontario, was dying, his medical advisers having given up all hopes of his recovery. Though from his youth up an indefatigable worker, Mr. Balfour has never had robust health, and on Friday last he was seized with bleeding at the lungs. His wife was immediately summoned from Amherstburg, and everything was done to alleviate the suffering of the patient. All was in vain, however, as on Monday forenoon a consultation of medical men resulted in the declaration that there was no hope for Mr. Balfour's recovery.

It is particularly sad that the new Minister should be thus stricken down as he attained the eminence in the service of his country for which his undoubted talents so well fitted him. When seized with a fatal illness, Mr. Balfour had only just celebrated his 46th birthday, having been born in Forfar, Scotland, on Aug. 2, 1851. From the time he reached his 6th year his home was in Canada. Before he was 23 years of age, Mr. Balfour entered public life, as a member of the board of school trustees of St. Catharines, and ever since, down to his fatal illness, he continued in the service of the people, doing good work for his fellow-men as a school trustee, councillor, reeve, county warden, president of the agricultural society, M. P. P. and Speaker of the Legislature. At the same time, he established the St. Catharines Daily News, and latterly the Amherstburg Echo, which latter, in conjunction with Mr. Auld, he successfully conducted for over twenty years. He had barely begun his duties as Provincial Secretary when seized by illness. But there could be no mistaking his mental ability to conduct that important department. As a private member of the House, he had made no mean impression on the statute book of the Province. He was a pioneer in the work of establishing manhood suffrage in the Province. He led in the crusade against the foolish municipal housing system, and he did good service for freedom when the libel laws were amended. When he was re-elected by acclamation, on taking office a few days since, Mr. Balfour addressed his constituents in a thoughtful and statesmanlike manner, and gave a masterly outline of the policy which he believed the Hardy-Ross Government intended to pursue. Man, however, proposes, but a higher power disposes.

Mr. Balfour's career, if it ends now, affords the rising generation a striking example of how much good work can be compressed into even a short life.

Three or four aeromats have been killed within the last few days. If a man is determined to commit suicide, going up in a balloon is probably about as effective a method for speedy blotting out as has yet been invented.

JUNIOR HUSBANDS AND SENIOR WIVES.

Because Miss Grace Wilson, who married Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt in New York a few days ago, was six years older than her husband, a great hubbub was raised among the New York four hundred. But a correspondent points out this small difference would be little thought of in Europe. Here are a few instances:

John Howard, the great English philanthropist, when only 26 years of age, married a lady of 52. She was therefore just twice as old as himself. As husband and wife they always lived happily together.

Adolphe Thiers, one of the greatest modern French statesmen, and a most learned and illustrious historian of his country, married, and was wise and happy in marrying a lady who in age outranked him by more than fifteen years.

Shakespeare, beyond intelligent controversy the greatest poet who has ever inspired and blessed the world with his presence, when only 19 years of age married Ann Hathaway, who was then 28. So it is plain that the incomparable and immortal Bard of Avon was nine years younger than his wife.

PECULIARITIES OF LI.

Li Hung Chang, who will visit Niagara Falls, and pass through Canada on the G. T. R. and C. P. R. next month, travels with an establishment about sixty persons—the uses of which are hard for the European to understand. That it is complete from the Chinese standpoint cannot be questioned in the face of the 350 pieces of baggage, of every possible size, shape and appearance, brought to London. The suite is organized in two sections, the mandarins, who take part in official matters, and the domestics, who look after the comfort of the party. These are more particularly for Li, his suite being commonly satisfied with the attentions of European servants supplied by their hosts. The most interesting personality among the mandarins, apart from the giant figure of the ambassador, is Commandant Li Boh, who commanded a Chinese gunboat at Port Arthur, and ran ashore when the Japanese fleet appeared, escaping in a junk. For this, it appears, he was condemned to death, but was taken under the protection and will keep his head until Li dies, when Li Boh placidly remarks, "I will lose it." To the suggestion that he had better remain behind at Vancouver, Li Boh replied with a grin. His duties throughout have been to protect and look after Li Hung Chang's parrots, four of which have been treated to a trip around the world.

IT'S A PRETTY IDEA, ANTHOY.

London Chronicle.

Mr. James Bryce struck a new and happy note in his speech in reply to the appropriate toast of "The Community of English-Speaking People." He suggested that each other's throat when neither the English nor the American Government should regard the subjects of the other as "aliens" in law.

If indeed, we have given up—as you doubt we have?—the idea that England and the United States will again fight each other's throat, then there is no longer any reason why the citizen of the United States should not find himself when he arrives in England, a citizen also of the mother country. Such an amendment of the law, formal as it might seem to be, would do more to efface the memories of the variance than many greater things. All nations live by sentiment and what good men desire to foster in this year of grace between America and Britain is a sentiment of common nationality.

OBJECT LESSON IN FREE SILVER.

Boston Standard.

As a practical illustration of what effect the free coinage of silver at an inflated ratio of 16 to 1 may have upon life insurance policies, the following illustration is cited: In September, 1882, a Mexican gentleman took out a policy of \$10,000 in a well-known American life insurance company. He was given the option of paying his premium in gold or Mexican money, the standard of which is a silver dollar, the policy to be paid at maturity in the same coin. He chose to have his policy issued on the basis of Mexican money. In June of the current year the policy became a claim on the company through the death of the insured, and \$10,000 in Mexican money was paid the widow of the deceased. The widow, however, is now living in Pittsburg, Pa., and in converting the proceeds of her policy into the currency of the United States she received just \$5347.

THE FALL FAIRS.

WESTERN LONDON	SEPT. 10-19
Industrial Exhibition, Toronto	Aug. 31-Sept. 19
Provincial Exhibition, Montreal	Sept. 10-19
N. Grey, Owen Sound	Sept. 15-17
Central Canada, Ottawa	Sept. 17-26
Lincoln, St. Catharines	Sept. 21-23
Tarleton, Tavistock	Sept. 21-22
Haldimand, Cayuga	Sept. 22-23
Northern, Walkerton	Sept. 22-23
Great Northwestern, Goderich	Sept. 22-24
W. Middlesex, Strathroy	Sept. 23-25
Collingwood, Collingwood	Sept. 23-25
Southern, Brantford	Sept. 23-25
Mornington, Mornington	Sept. 24-25
Oxford, Woodstock	Sept. 24-25
Woodstock, Woodstock	Sept. 24-25
Forest Union, Forest	Sept. 25-30
Bruce, Bruce	Sept. 25-30
Dereham, Tilsonburg	Sept. 25-30
Mitchell, Mitchell	Sept. 25-30
St. Marys, St. Marys	Sept. 25-30
Peninsula, Chatham	Sept. 25-30
Westminster, Lambeth	Sept. 25-30
Embro, Embro	Sept. 25-30
W. Elgin, Wallaceburg	Oct. 1-2
W. Elgin, Wallaceburg	Oct. 1-2
N. Perth, Stratford	Oct. 1-2
St. Norwich, Osherville	Oct. 1-2
N. Brant, Paris	Oct. 1-2
St. Marys, St. Marys	Oct. 6-7
St. Marys, St. Marys	Oct. 6-7
W. Nisour, Thorndale	Oct. 6-7
Blanchard, Kirkton	Oct. 8-9
N. Norwich, Norwich	Oct. 8-9
Drumbo, Drumbo	Oct. 8-9
Norfolk, Simcoe	Oct. 13-14
Burlington, Burlington	Oct. 13-14
W. York, Woodbridge	Oct. 20-21

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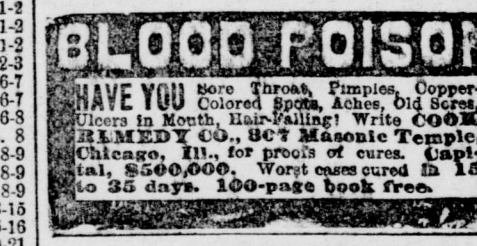
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Roller Toweling, 5c, 6½c, 7½c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c.

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