

In a speech at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, Sir D. A. Smith said he heard the other day that a ship had left or was about to leave Yokohama with a cargo of teas for Vancouver, and that these teas are to be carried over the Canadian Pacific Railway, and delivered not alone in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, but in St. Paul, Chicago, New York and the New England States. This shipment would be equal to about one hundred car loads, and would be a very substantial commencement of the trade which we expect with China and Japan.

The doctrine of the survival of the fittest does not work itself out by blind chance, or without evident design, even among the lowest forms of life. Much less it is to be believed that man is unable so to adjust his circumstances to his needs as to continue to live after a certain mean period. The weaker will sometimes prove himself the more tenacious of life by observing rational methods of living, of which the robust is careless. Moderation has probably more to do with success in this respect than anything else. To eat sufficiently, and drink stimulants sparingly, to alternate work with adequate rest, and to meet worries heartily, will afford to everyone the best chance of arriving at a ripe old age.

The United States Commissioner of Agriculture has transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives a reply to a resolution of the House making inquiries concerning stocks of corn and wheat in that and other countries, the demand of consumption and the prospects of production throughout the world during the present season. The report shows that the world's product of wheat in 1885 was 2,110,000,000 bushels, the requirements for consumption 2,165,000,000 bushels, a deficiency of 55,000,000 bushels drawn from the previous year's surplus of 125,000,000 bushels. It finds the product of Europe a medium, those of India and Australia large, and a heavy reduction in that of the United States. For the supply of the coming year the crops of Australia, India and South America already harvested are probably about 32,000,000 bushels less than those of last year, while those of the United States promise fully 100,000,000 bushels more than the harvest of 1885.



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