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#### A Gladstone Characteristic

In an address at the unveiling of a statue of Gladstone at Glasgow, some time ago, Lord Rosbery told some stories of the dead statesman. "Most men," he said, "are physically brave, but Mr. Gladstone was brave among the brave. He had to the end the vitality of physical courage. When well on to 90 he was knocked over by a cab and before the bystanders could rally to his assistance he had pursued the cab with a view to taking its number."

#### Why He's Still Single

She—Do you think two can live as cheaply as one? He—Yes, but not so peacefully. —Melbourne Weekly Times.

#### The Principal Meal

The principal meal of all people of all ages has been undoubtedly dinner, and the lover of old time customs will find it both interesting and entertaining to notice the various changes which have taken place in the etiquette of the dinner table.

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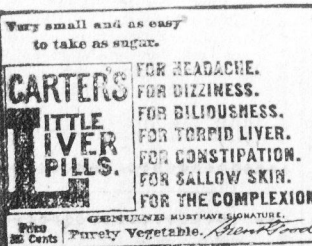
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### CANADA'S 1902 RECORD

Most Successful, From a Business Point of View, in Its History—Great Expansion During Past Five Years.

Speaking of Canada in 1902, Bradstreet's says:—Canada last week completed, from a business point of view, the most successful year in her history. For the past five years the Dominion has been experiencing what has been called the growing time. The truth of this has found ample proof in the great expansion that has taken place in manufacturing, mercantile and financial circles, as well as in the agricultural sections of the country. There was a vast increase in the wealth of the country during the past year. Various figures and statements now in course of preparation for the calendar year just ended, but which are still incomplete, unmistakably prove this fact.

The natural resources of the country attracted the attention of capitalists at home as well as in the Mother Country and in the United States. Large sums of money were invested in the development of the agricultural resources of the country, in the iron and steel industries, in the steamboat-building industry, in the demands of transportation on both the ocean and inland waters having heavily stimulated the demand for vessels, in the manufacture of woolen and other lines of fabrics and in various other lines of manufacture. The difficulty with many of the Canadian mills that are now making a high-class of goods is that they are unable to meet the demand of the home markets. This is not only on account of the fact that the limit of their capacity for production has been reached, but also on account of the scarcity of skilled labor. In some cases mills have given notice to their customers that they are filled with orders that will keep them busy for the next six months, and can now take no more.

The live stock trade of the country showed much activity during the year. The shipments to the Old Country markets were heavy, and until recently, when the Government prohibited the shipment of cattle, through the Eastern States to the markets of the United Kingdom, owing to the reports of disease, the demand for export was quite brisk. The packing trade of the country, however, has been increasing, and it is likely that the difficulties of shipping Canadian cattle on the hoof to the British markets will stimulate the dressed-meat trade, especially as the Dominion Government has in the past year or two made arrangements which greatly facilitate the shipment of produce in cold storage to Great Britain. The pork packing industry also showed great activity, and the farmers received much money through the increased demand for hogs. Some years ago Ontario shipped 10,000,000 bushels of barley annually to the United States. The increase in the duty on that grain practically cut off that formerly large export, but since then the development of the stock feeding industry has absorbed the grain that formerly was exported, and while the prices paid now for the grain are not as large as previously, when barley sold up to 80 cents and \$1 per bushel in some seasons, that trade is scarcely missed now, this opening of new channels of trade having provided a market for a grain which, it was thought by some, many of the farmers of Eastern Ontario would have to give up growing. The demand for Canadian wool from the United States continues good. In the year just closed practically the whole of the clip of some 5,000,000 pounds was shipped to the United States in addition to large quantities left over from the previous year, in spite of the high duty imposed on this product by the American Government.

The agricultural growth of the Dominion during the past year was very marked. The wheat production of Manitoba increased in 1902 from 45,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels, and owing to the large increase in the number of settlers who took up land in the Northwest during the year, it is expected that in 1903 the wheat crop, with conditions as favorable as experienced last year, will be double that of the crop of 1901. The flax crop in the Northwest last year was double that of the year before, and the production of oats and other grains was larger than in any previous year.

No figures in connection with the trade expansion of the Dominion that are at present available give as accurate an idea of the growth of the business and wealth of Canada during 1902 as the Government chartered banks, which have just been issued. The figures are for November, and the leading items in the statement compare with those for January as follows:

	November, 1902	January, 1903
Paid-up capital...	\$71,900,000	\$67,600,000
Reserves...	42,900,000	37,400,000
Total liabilities...	438,000,000	429,000,000
Total assets...	629,300,000	560,800,000
Notes in circulation...	64,400,000	48,500,000
Public deposits...	402,000,000	364,200,000
Balance due from the United States...	12,700,000	12,000,000
Call or short loans...	51,500,000	38,000,000
Call or short loans in U. S.	49,500,000	44,100,000
Trade or current loans...	317,100,000	287,700,000
Trade or current loans in U. S.	34,300,000	28,700,000
Overdue debts...	1,700,000	2,100,000

Owing to this expansion in the banking business of the country the prices of bank stocks in the Canadian market advanced 10 to 20 per cent. during the past 12 months. A striking illustration of the progress made in Canada in 1902 is found in the arrangement for increased railway facilities now being made, the construction of one new transcontinental railway being already in progress and the plans for another new railway to the Pacific coast being well under way. Another sign of the increasing wealth of the country that was noticeable during 1902 was the fact that the stocks and bonds of a good number of companies were floated in Canada which a few years ago it would have been found necessary to offer on the British money markets.

### LOSS OF APPETITE



If your stomach is upset or in any way out of order—if food seems distasteful to you—if acidity, burning or fullness of the stomach prevents you from having an appetite—if you wish to eat and eat well—take, before each meal, a wine glassful of

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In 1772 the rock of Gibraltar fell into the hands of the British by assault. The Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt commanded the troops and Sir George Rooke the fleet, and in the remarkably short time of four days the stronghold surrendered. Many times the Spaniards attempted to get back the key to the Mediterranean, but without success, though on one occasion they got 500 men within the fort, but failed to re-enforce them. In 1726 it was in the mind of ministers to give back the rock to Spain, but so great an agitation arose against such a step that it was abandoned. There followed a siege by Spain and France, which lasted from 1727 to 1783. On Sept. 13, 1782, no fewer than 40,000 men constituted the besieging army, and in the grand attack delivered on that day 200 heavy guns, 47 ships of the line and 10 battering ships were employed, and upward of 5,000 red hot shots were fired at the fortifications. Since then the possession of Gibraltar has remained undisputed.

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#### English Land Tenures

Some of the English tenures are exceedingly curious. A farm near Broadhouse, in Yorkshire, pays annually to the landlord a snowball in midsummer and a red rose at Christmas. The mayor of Foston is held by a rental of two arrows and a loaf of bread.

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