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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31.

Canada, the Railway Country.

The invasion of the west by the Grand Trunk is being met by the increased activity of the C. P. R. in the east.

The C. P. R. is behind the application for a charter for a railway from a point at or near London to a point on Lake Huron or the Georgian Bay, traversing Lambton, Huron and Bruce counties. This is territory which has been hitherto the Grand Trunk's preserve.

Another C. P. R. project is a line from Victoria Harbor on Georgian Bay to Peterboro, on the Toronto-Montreal division. Victoria Harbor is on the same inlet as Midland, and is a deep-water port. The new line will place the C. P. R. in a far more advantageous position than it occupies at present to handle the grain traffic during the season of lake navigation. Its only port on the Georgian Bay is Owen Sound, but this branch line is not an ideal grain-carrying road because of its grades and curves, and the longer distance, as compared with competing routes.

The Grand Trunk has several Georgian Bay terminals—Midland, Penetang, Collingwood, Meaford and Owen Sound—and by the purchase of the Canada Atlantic Railway is now established at Depot Harbor, and carried grain over the road last autumn.

The line between Victoria Harbor and Peterboro will give the C. P. R. a much shorter route to tidewater than the Owen Sound route, and will be an important link in the transcontinental system. The company will probably carry grain in its own vessels from Fort William to Victoria Harbor, and will be able to transfer it at Montreal or Quebec to the C. P. R. ocean carriers. A shipment of grain originating at any point on the C. P. R. system in the west would remain in the hands of the C. P. R. till delivered at the British ports. The company could quote a rate from the point of shipment to the British market, a great advantage to all concerned.

The Grand Trunk, however, has the purchase of the Canada Atlantic by the Grand Trunk is a part of the plan. Grain will be carried by the Grand Trunk Pacific to the head of Lake Superior, thence in its own bottoms to Midland and Depot Harbor, where its ally, the Grand Trunk, will take it over and get the haul to Montreal before navigation closes. A fleet of Atlantic carriers will be operated in connection with both railway systems. When lake navigation closes the Grand Trunk Pacific will have the all-rail haul to Quebec and St. John, the latter its winter port.

The Canadian Northern (Mackenzie & Mann) will some day be a transcontinental line, and the gaps between the eastern and western ends of its systems are being filled up. In the west the Canadian Northern extends from Fort William to Edmonton, with a branch through Northwesterly Manitoba to Prince Albert. In the east Mackenzie & Mann own at least two railroads in the Maritime Provinces, and two years ago acquired the Great Northern, which runs between Quebec city and Hawkesbury, on the Ottawa River. It was the intention to take over the Canada Atlantic, which would have given the Canadian Northern an outlet to tidewater from the west, during lake navigation, but the Grand Trunk stole a march. Mackenzie & Mann, however, are building the James Bay Railway from Sudbury to Toronto, and the C. P. R. will have running rights over this branch. In return the Canadian Northern will secure a haulage arrangement over the Lake Superior section of the C. P. R. In this way both systems secure a direct line between Central and Western Ontario, and the western provinces.

In addition to all this, the Temiskaming Railway is being extended from New Liskeard to effect a junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the latter road will soon be under construction in Ontario. It will be seen that this Province is about to share amply in the unparalleled railway development upon which the country is entering.

The railways projected and under construction in the west represent a tremendous mileage. There is the Grand Trunk Pacific, which will span the continent. The C. P. R. will build from a point near Yorkton to Wetaskiwin, near Edmonton, a distance of about 450 miles. It has also in hand hundreds of miles of extensions and double-tracking. The Canadian Northern, having reached Edmonton, will branch out in that growing district in all directions. James J. Hill has secured a charter for a British Columbia line and is believed to be behind

the line projected from the international boundary to Regina.

Altogether Canada during the next few years will have more railroad construction in proportion to population than any other country in the world.

The Czar and the Kaiser.

The Czar's fraternal references to the Kaiser are believed to foreshadow a new alignment of the powers of Europe. There may be no immediate or abrupt disruption of the Franco-Russian alliance, but events are making for its dissolution. It had no natural basis. Russia sought the alliance because she needed money. France had money but needed friends. The alliance was a convenient arrangement at the time, but its usefulness to France is at an end. She has been Russia's generous banker, but Russia's friendship since the Japanese war is not a valuable asset, and is not to be compared with the good-will of Great Britain, which France has been so fortunate as to acquire. There is little doubt that the Anglo-French entente is helping to drive Russia and France apart, but the causes lie deeper, and are to be found in divergent political ideals and types of civilization. Having borrowed almost to the limit from France, the Russian Government has little further use for the republic, and finds greater security in an understanding with her neighbor, Germany, the first military power of Europe. The Government of Germany is virtually autocratic and the Kaiser's sympathies are naturally with the Czar in resisting the forces of revolution which are active in Germany as well as in Russia.

An alliance between Russia and Germany would dominate Eastern Europe, where the Austrian and Turkish Empires, threatened with dissolution, are tempting spoils. The result would be to drive the Latin nations, France, Italy, and Spain together, and behind them would stand the might of the British Empire. A radical disturbance of the balance of power in Europe is in progress.

In Denmark it's a short time between kings.

Mr. Whitney and his friends are said to be quite pensive over the result in Kingston.

In view of the amount of gush being printed, it is lucky that Miss Roosevelt believes in short engagements.

If they can't get a tariff preference in the British market, Canadian producers can get a preference equally as valuable in the United States.

The late King Christian was the father-in-law of Europe, and it was a great tribute to him that he kept on good terms with all his sons-in-law and daughters-in-law.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe, two of the most brilliant theatrical stars in the United States, have been thrown overboard by the theatrical trust, because they persist in playing "Shakespeare." Thus does the trust contribute to the elevation of the stage, and the advancement of true art.

The Salvation Army will bring to Canada 10,000 marriageable girls, the first party arriving on March 1. The army officials say 10,000 Canadian men need wives. Canadian men who can't find suitable mates in Canada, whose daughters are the finest in the world, deserve to die single.

Graceful Old Age.

The great secret of graceful old age is never to dwell upon the thought that one is growing old, but to endeavor by every means in one's power to keep the heart young and the memory bright. We do not mean that elderly persons should endeavor to keep up an appearance of youth past its real limits, or vie with the young in their occupations and frivolities. For this only robs them of the respect that should be their due, but the mind may be kept vigorous by feeling it is never too late to learn. In Gladstone's last years he learned a new language in order to read in the original some works that struck his fancy. And we knew a lady well advanced in years whose artistic talents were great, and whose skill had reached great perfection, and yet, who did not rest content with what she already knew, but submitted to the instruction of those not half her age, that she might not fall behind in the progress of modern art. Added to this, there are means of rendering one's self so essential by love and kindness to those with whom one's life is thrown, that when the inevitable end comes, they may feel that something which was essential to their happiness has been taken from them.

Easy.

[Pittsburg Post.]
"Can you think of anything else that might tend to hasten my wife's recovery?" asked the anxious young husband.
"Sure. Promise her \$20 to go shopping with," answered the wise physician.

Drawback to Courtship.

[Philadelphia Press.]
Mrs. Hauskeep-Della, I don't want you to be entertaining that policeman in the kitchen any more.
Della—But Miss Edith is in the parlor most of the time, ma'am, and I don't think Mr. O'Flynn would enjoy her society, her being strange to him.

Long-Lived Englishwomen.

[London Times, Jan. 15.]
The dowager Lady Barrow, widow of Sir George Barrow, second Baronet of Ulverston, died on Tuesday at her residence, Ulverston Cottage, East Molesey, in her 97th year, which she entered on Friday, having been born on Jan. 8, 1810. Lady Barrow had thus lived in the reigns of four sovereigns, British and continental. Her husband, the first Lord of the Admiralty, was a general in the army, and was killed at the battle of Waterloo. She was the daughter of Mr. William Pennell, a successful general in the army, and was married to Sir George Barrow when she was only 17 years of age. She had five children, and was the mother of the late Lord Barrow, who was killed at the battle of Waterloo. She was the mother of the late Lord Barrow, who was killed at the battle of Waterloo.

dore Martin, in his memoir of Croker in the "Dictionary of National Biography," states that Miss Croker, as she was called, "was a great favorite with George IV. who was fond of children. She was never forgotten at the children's balls which were often given at the palace, and the King always called her by her pet name, 'Nouy.'" Lady Barrow, Sir Theodore's daughter, grew up a beautiful woman, and inspired one of Sir Thomas Lawrence's finest portraits, best known in a mezzotint by Samuel Cousins. Lady Barrow, who acted as amanuensis to Croker in his later years, married in 1852, Sir George Barrow, the eldest son and successor of Sir John Barrow, the author and traveler. She had a family of three sons and five daughters by Sir George, who died in 1875. All Lady Barrow's sons died before her, and the present Baronet of Ulverston, Sir Francis, is her grandson.

The death is announced of Miss Elizabeth Walker, in her 103rd year. It may be remembered that a gracious message of congratulation was sent to her by his Majesty the King on the occasion of her 102nd birthday, on May 8 last. About three months ago, with natural tenacity of constitution, she survived a sharp attack of pneumonia, to which she was in the last few years liable. But it left her much impaired in mental faculties and physical powers. Miss Walker was a native of South Shields, the daughter of Mr. William Walker, a flint-glass manufacturer of that town. Sir George's maiden name was Alice Balleney. She had lived many years in London.

Flowers Without Fruit.

[John Henry Newman.]
Prune thou thy words, the thoughts control,
That o'er thee swell and throng;
They will conduct thee to the soul,
And change to purpose strong.
But he who lets his feelings run
In soft, luxurious flow,
Shrinks when hard service must be done,
And faints at every foe.
Faith's meaneast deed more favor bears,
Where hearts and wills are wedded,
Than brightest transports, choicest prayers,
Which bloom their hour and fade.

A Political Dirge.

[Brockville Recorder.]
How different today from a year ago,
When the Liberals lost their way in the snow,
Then the storm cut loose and went on a tear,
And left us a wreck of what we once were.

Only One Exception.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"What an enterprising lot! He seems to like everything that's placed before him."
"Yes; nothing disagrees with him except his wife."

The Bogie Man.

[Robert Louis Stevenson.]
All round the house is the jet-black night,
It stares through the window-pane;
It crawls in the corners, hiding from the light,
And it moves with the moving flame.
Now my little heart goes a-beating like a drum,
With the breath of the Bogie in my hair;
And all round the candle the crooked shadows come,
And go marching along up the stair.
The shadow of the balusters, the shadow of the lamp,
The shadow of the child that goes to bed—
All the wicked shadows coming, tramp, tramp, tramp,
With the black night overhead.

A Probability.

[Chicago Tribune.]
If it were in the world she would vanish."
"Well," said the sage, thoughtfully, "it probably would mean that some of us would get our meals on time."

Coincided.

[Chicago Tribune.]
Mr. Upjohn: You saw Kadger try to make a speech the other night. Out a ridiculous figure, didn't he? There wasn't a bit of spontaneity about him.
Mr. (Gawwoll): And, er—how he wouldn't have known how to wear it if he'd had it.

Sticklers.

[Philadelphia Record.]
Some people arrive at a conclusion and never get away from it.

Kids.

[May Kelly, in Lippincott's.]
I wonder why some Paps have none,
And others have so many.
It seems the Paps have the power,
And rich ones haven't any.
The richest man I know in town
Has just one small boy in town.
But Pa says, "Gad! he pities him,
In that big house so lonely."

It seems to me 't would be so nice
If I could come out even;
And when I asked you why they don't,
He said, "Be quiet, Stephen!"
Then families all'd have bills like Pa,
For five kids to board.
He says, "I would bust a cattle man,
If I had so much leather."
We wear out the country.

But when the circus comes to town
Pa's glad he has a little son.
For he has more fun takin' us
Than if he hadn't any.
My Pa says some day that he'll be
Too old to go on workin'.
But he says he hopes that one of us
Our duty will be shirkin'.

You bet we won't! We all love Pa,
But wouldn't it be funny
To have your father hangin' round
And askin' you for money?
I've got a quarter in my bank
To buy that bullet that she shot at me.
But now I think I'll save it
For Pa, when he gets older.

A Terrible Thought.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"What's the matter, darling?" asked the anxious young husband.
"I was just thinking," she sobbed, "that you never grow so stiff as I do."
"But, love, why should that cause you to weep?"
"If I died you couldn't wear a b-b-band of crape around it."

This Is Savage.

[Cleveland Leader.]
"Sir, it takes three generations to make a gentleman."
"Ah! And you think there might be some hope for your great-great-grandson?"

The Loan Shark.

[Ottawa Free Press.]
What a pathetic story of domestic tragedy is that being revealed in the prosecution of a woman in Toronto. Her husband, a well-to-do merchant, has been driven to the wall by the loans of a money shark. One couple borrowed \$400 to tide them over an unfortunate period. They have repaid \$200 on the loan, and they still owe \$200. Would a similar prosecution in Ottawa bring to light a similar state of affairs?

Expert.

[Washington Star.]
"Are you one of the expert witnesses?" inquired the court officer.
"Yes," answered the high financier.
"I've been on the stand two hours, and haven't told 'em a thing."

THE DECLINE IN THE BIRTHRATE.

(From the Boston Herald.)

The attention of scientists has been directed to the gradual decrease in the natural growth in population of practically all of the nations that are classed as western nations, when compared with the countries of Asia or of the southern continents. President Roosevelt has called attention to what the terms race suicide on the part of the American people, and the statistics of our census directly indicate that if it were not for the enormous flood of immigration which annually flows in from across the Atlantic, the growth of population in the United States would be by no means sufficient to keep up with the local demand for the services of man.

Our domestic experiences apparently indicate that this diminution in birthrate is by no means confined to any class or race, though it is, of course, much more marked in certain sections and communities than it is in others. The birthrate among the Irish in Ireland is exceedingly large when compared with that of other European people. But the birthrate among those of Irish birth or of Irish descent living in the United States is quite different from experiences in the "old country," and approximates much more nearly to the conditions found among the descendants of those who settled on this continent a century or two ago.

This same trend is noticeable throughout the so-called western world. The birthrate, taking the number of births to a thousand of population, in 1876 in the United Kingdom was 24.8, while in 1901 it was 23.0. This seems to be analogous to what is found elsewhere, when the records of these two years, separated at an interval of a quarter of a century, are contrasted. Thus, in the two years named, that is, 1876 and 1901, the birthrates were as follows in the countries named:

	1876.	1901.
Prussia	40.7	36.2
The German Empire	40.9	35.7
Switzerland	33.0	29.1
Sweden	30.8	25.8
Austria	40.0	35.9
France	26.2	22.0

Up to the year 1876 the indication in Europe outside of France appeared to favor a progressive development of the birthrate in certain countries it was higher at that time than it had been for a generation or two before. But the high-water mark was reached at that time, and since then there has been a steady decline, which has ended even with a diminished birthrate, toward establishing an equilibrium between births and deaths in the more important civilized nations of the world. France has been held up partly to censure, partly to contempt, in consequence of the fact that its population has remained almost stationary, but if the statistics which have recently been prepared bearing on this subject are to be trusted, the French in this respect have only anticipated the experience of the United States. The French revolutionized and brought under western influences its birthrate may undergo the same steady reduction.

POEMS THAT LIVE

Cardinal Wolsey's Speech to Cromwell.

[From Shakespeare's "Henry VIII."]
Cromwell, I did not think to shed a tear
In all my miseries; but thou hast fear'd
Out of thy honest truth to play the woman.
Let's dry our eyes; and thus far hear me.
And when I am forgotten, as I shall be,
And sleep in dull, cold marble, where no mention
Of me more must be heard of—say I
Saw Wolsey—that once trod the ways of glory,
And rumm'd all the depths and shoals of honor.
Found thee a way, out of his wreck, to rise;
A sure and safe one, though thy master miss'd it.
Mark but my fall, and that that ruin'd me.
Cromwell, I charge thee fling away ambition!
By that sin fell the angels; how can man
The image of his Maker hope to win by't?
Love thyself last; cherish those hearts that hate thee;
Corruption wins not more than honesty.
Still in thy right hand may I see peace,
To silence envious tongues. Be just, and fear not;
Let each end thrust itself almost at thy throat;
Thy God and truth's; then, if thou fail'st,
Thou fall'st a blessed martyr. Serve the King;
And,—hush, lead me in;
There, take an inventory of all I have,
To the last penny; 'tis the king's; my
And my integrity to heaven is all;
I dare now call mine own. O Cromwell,
Had I but serv'd my God with half the zeal
I serve my king, he would not in mine age
Have left me naked to mine enemies.

A Poultry Institute.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—A poultry institute, to be held at the poultry department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has been arranged for Feb. 6-9. Some of the best poultry experts on the continent have been engaged to address the meeting, including Prof. James Rice, Ithaca, N. Y.; A. T. Hunter, West Woburn, Mass.; A. G. Brown, Lakewood, N. Y.; Wm. McNeil and Richard Oke, of London, Ont.

Prof. W. R. Graham, Guelph Agricultural College; F. C. Elord, chief of the poultry division, department of agriculture, Ottawa, and Dr. A. Bell, Toronto, will lead in the discussions.

Special evening programmes will be provided, when addresses will be given by Messrs. G. R. Creelman, president of the Ontario Poultry Association, and others, besides the speakers already mentioned.

A Clerk Plant Affire.

Butte, Montana, Jan. 31.—Fire of unknown origin partially destroyed Senator W. A. Clark's, Butte, reduction works early today. The fire broke out about midnight, and resisted all efforts of the firemen for nearly three hours. The engine-house, with its valuable machinery, and the smaller plant were saved. The loss is estimated at half a million.

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AN APPRECIATED PRESIDENT

Address and Presentation to Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. Fisher, at Delaware.

A year ago last November an auxiliary of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church was organized at Delaware. At the close of the monthly meeting held at Mrs. Arlett's on Jan. 25, a genuine surprise was sprung upon the president, Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. Fisher, when the following address was read to her by the secretary, Miss Mabel Portsmouth, and the presentation made by Mrs. E. J. Williams, first vice-president.

"Dear Mrs. Fisher—As we mingle together in our society this afternoon we are so glad our hearts were open to the request to organize an auxiliary of the W. M. S. in Delaware. We are thankful for the blessing it has been to us and for the sweet fellowship we have had together. We are thankful, too, for our beloved president. Your life, dear Mrs. Fisher, has always been an inspiration to us, as we have noted your enthusiasm and zeal for our Master. We do not approve of the plan of waiting until our friends leave us to express our love and appreciation, but, while you are still with us, we desire to let you know how much you are beloved by us all. Will you kindly accept this life membership certificate in the W. M. S., and also this hand satchel, as but a slight token of our love and goodwill? We deeply regret that the time is so near when you must leave us, but we pray that wherever you are, you may be permitted to do something for this great missionary cause that is so dear to all our hearts. Yours sincerely, Delaware Auxiliary and Congregation."

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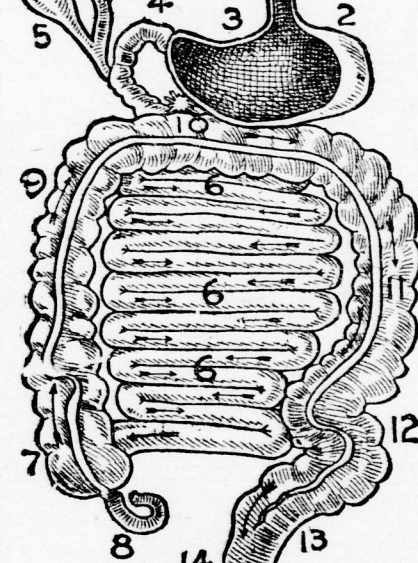
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THE ALIMENTARY CANAL. 1. Lower end of esophagus (neck); 2. Upper end of stomach; 3. Pyloric end of stomach; 4. Duodenum; 5. Gall bladder; 6. Small intestine; 7. Cecum; 8. Vermiform appendix; 9. Ascending colon; 10. Transverse colon; 11. Descending colon; 12. Sigmoid flexure; 13. Rectum; 14. Anus. The diagram is continuous with the small intestine. The small intestine empties into the large intestine of color at the cecum. The arrows indicate the direction which the contents of the bowels must take in passing through the alimentary canal.

is simply Weakness, or Laziness of the Bowel-Muscles.

Want of Exercise, Indoor Employment, weakens these Bowel-Muscles, just as it weakens Arm and Leg Muscles.

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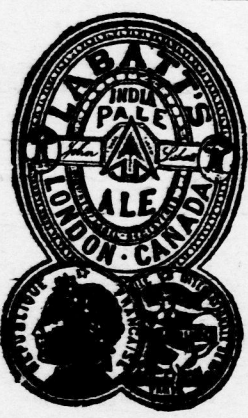
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It isn't often that two doctors in a city run against each other for the office of mayor. Worcester (Mass.) this year saw the unusual sight, however. The unsuccessful Republican competitor of Dr. John T. Duggan, Democrat mayor-elect, was Dr. Melvin G. Overlook.