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mensity of the metropolis, which has an area of 115 square miles, was commenced by the London County

Council fifteen years ago, and though the undertaking is approach

though the undertaking is approaching completion, it is doubtful whether
it will ever be adequately finished,
because there are bits of land which
nobody owns, and which therefore
cannot be properly mapped. Already
the council has spent \$75,000 on
the work, which will in time be a full
record of every house and owner
thereof within the administrative
county.

The record is taking the form of a

gigantic map, and naturally is being made in sections. The scale is fiv feet per mile, so that the necessity for

sectional construction will at once be

Spurgeon's Long Sleep.

Among modern preachers Spurgeoneld the record not only for the great

est number of sermons, but also for

the largest audiences. On the nation al fast day, Oct. 7, 1857, he preached

in the central transept of the Crysta

A Chapel on a Bridge.

A Unaper on a Bridge.

At St. Ives, the little old Hunting donshire town in which Oliver Crom well lived for several years, there is a bridge spanning the lazily flowing river Ouse, and on this bridge is unaint building which at one time did duty as a chapel. The structure habeen in existence for something like.

been in existence for something like 500 years and was, according to le

cal historians, originally employed a a beacon lighthouse After that i was turned for a time into a hoste

and eventually became an ordinary dwelling house. Some of the rooms in this curious old building are con-siderably below the level of the water

Painting Scenery.

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REV. BOBERT LAIRD.

Vancouver. In 1905 he was appoint ed to the chair of practical theology in Queen's University, one more not able contribution from the premier maritime province to the educationa life of the Dominion. The Presby terian describes him as being "a born terian describes him as being "a born organizer, and abundantly endowed with the grace of perseverance."

At the Finance Board, he will have scope for the exercise of his ability as an organizer. The Presbyterian Church is fortunate in its possession of men of the type of Robert Laird. Incidentally, Mr. Laird is a brother of the manager of the Canadian branch of the National Cash Register Co., another "born organizer."—Canadian Courier.

Why Not Short-Haired Dames? A well-known London hairdresses A well-known London hairdresser would condemn thousands of women to the barber's shears if he could. "One woman in every four," this daring man argues, "would improve her looks by shortening her hair. Look at that woman with her skimpy locks all skewered and frowsy, or that other with her slovenly, lustreless hair, that doesn't look as if it had grown on a woman's head. Only one woman in ten can or does give her hair half its due. Cut it short, and you have a woman of distinction at once. woman of distinction at once.
"You'd be surprised," declares he,
"if you knew the number of women who at one time or another have a who at one time or another have a passion to be shorn, but only the masculine woman has the courage to submit to the scissors. She wears her hair far too short to prove her equality with man—a 'short cut' to emancipation. If some of her less angular sisters would show how pretty short cutle really are when

pretty short curls really are when they frame a pretty face we could make a start on the way to hygiene and beauty.
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CANADIAN DUCKS

ing About the Autumn Lure the Hunter. Canada's wild ducks are divide into two classes, namely, marsh ducks and open-water ducks. The marsh ducks are, for the most part, home-

and open-water duess. The marsh duess are, for the most part, homewaters. To this class belong the teal, both green wing and blue wing; the mallard, the black and the grey.

These ducks hold mostly to shallew ponds and reedy water-beds. Many of them nest in the low lands of Northern Ontario and afford good the season—in most provinces, the 15th of september—until the middle of October. Most of the marsh ducks migrate early. Particularly does this hold good of the blue-winged teal, who owns the distinction of being the swiftest-winged of all wild ducks. This bird has been known to attain a speed, in flight, of over ninety miles an hour.

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The marsh ducks are shy birds, and either they possess a greater degree of intelligence han their cousins of the open water, or else they are less trusting, for they decoy very poorly. They fly in little disordered bunches that make it hard for the fowler to "lead on his bird." Marsh ducks are seldom found on open water.

The open water ducks are orderly fellows. They fly in straight lines, with a leader at their head. To this class belongs the redhead, the canvasback, the bluebill, spoonbill, buffie-head, ruddy duck and widgeon. These ducks, with the exception of the ruddy, are all good decoyers, particularly the bluebill, which has been known to fly into the decoys while the shooters were standing up in full view in the blind. Often, too, they will twist about and return to the flock of wooden ducks, above which only a minute or two before deadly toll had been taken of their rahks.

The redhead is without doubt the finest duck that flies, with one single exception, the canvasback. They fly in flocks, usually of from ten to twenty, they are swift and graceful, and while suspicious, are good decoyers.

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Wiff ducks are very tenacious to life. It is marvelous the amount of heavy shot it takes to bring them down, therefore the necessity of the modern "full-choke" gun.

The open water ducks come into our waters any time after the first of our waters any time after the first of September. Usually, however, the greater number do not arrive until a month later. The fifteenth of October usually shows a goodly number of ducks in the feeding grounds.—

Indian Pouplation Increases The Indian population of Canada shows a decided increase this year over 1912. There is a notable lack of acute contagious diseases. are two of the most important state ments made in the annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs, the Department of Indian Affairs, which was issued recently. The incomposition of the control of Perritory, from 5,262 to 8,030. Decreases are recorded in Prince Edward Island, 300 to 292; Ontario, 26,393 to 26,077, and the Yukon

3,500 to 1,389. Tuberculosis, says the report, continues to be the most formidable of all the maladies from which the indian has to suffer. This is, due to the inability of the aborigines to comprehend and put into effect the primary laws of sanitation. However, the Indian However, laws of sanitation. However, the In-dian is being educated to the importance of avoiding overcrowding in ouses, and it is hoped that this will umption. Officers find that cleanliess is more often observed than for

Help Salmon Over Falls. An ingenious device which bids fair

industries of this country has been perfected by Prof. E. E. Prince, com er of Canadian fisheries. missioner of Canadian fisheries. Its purpose is to bring salmon up the rivers to spawn by assisting them over otherwise insurmountable falls and power dams.

The device is in the form of a series of baskets or cradles which lift the fish from the end of a lead, which is built in the bed of the river and up which the fish come, and place them in the waters above the falls or dams. The natural water-power is used to work the cradles after the

used to work the cradles after the method of an old-fashioned mill. The device was used successfully last yes on the St. Croix river, New Brun wick, and will be installed next yes ountry.

The Mint's Work.

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Still Growing. The total immigration to Canada uring the first seven months, April to October, of the current fiscal year was 327,913, made up of 128,868 British, 80 330 America itish, 80.330 American and 118. 715 from all other countries. During the saven corresponding months of the last fiscal year the total number was 300,841, composed of 118,497 British, 100,140 American and 32,204 from all other countries. The increase is 9 per cent.

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Underground City as Marvellous as the Visible One.

The provincial visitor to London is struck by the seeming solidity of its streets, says a recent writer. In the days when the hansom cab drew us swiftly over the polished surface of the roadway it was a matter of wonderment that the tapping hoofs of the horses did not silde their wearers to destruction. To those who were used to the rougher surface of macadam with its puddles and it's dust, the harsh lava asphalt appeared solid, impenetrable, and withal dangerous, while the wooden lining of other streets did not make us forget the concrete below.

The hansom, in non-strike periods, is almost forgotten; the horse is being thrust away. The straining animal attached to the old-fashioned 'bus, set in motion like an automaton by the conductor's bell, has ceased completely to carry us hither and thither; roadways have widened; buildings have magnified. All that is above surface. Below, the engineer may say, that in the past ten years he also has not been idle.
But the task of extending the capital below ground as well as on and above it is not merely a matter of the last decade. Nothing could exceed Underground City as Marvellou

tal below ground as well as on and above it is not merely a matter of the last decade. Nothing could exceed the apparent solidity of Holborn, and yet for fifty years past deep in caverns below it great railway sidings have nestled, and stores for the mammoth population above. Travel sometime, oh country visitor, on a journey of exploration by train from Ludgate Hill to Aldersgate.

Past the bridge, across Ludgate Hill itself, where you may catch a

Hill itself, where you may catch a sight of St. Paul's dome, the line bur sight of St. Paul's dome, the line burrows into the honeycomb of nether
London. Watch carefully, and you
will see flaring lights stretching in a
far direction, trucks upon trucks, d:
figures of porters with their shoulder
knots acreaking with their burdens.
Perchance it may happen to you that
your train be pulled up in this
shrouded region.

Then, listen intently, and you will
hear, if you are intent, a faint sound

hear, if you are intent, a faint sound from the road of traffic up above. You search the murk and wo the big solid highway of Holborn, with all its giant buildings, can float

A world's wonder in verity!

From Aldersgate you may walk to
St. Martin's-le-Grand, and see where
the great postoffice stood. Years
since, man made an underground passage thence to Paddington — a passage which was lost, for it was discovered with a flare of trumpets amid covered with a flare of trumpets amid much wonderment only a few years since. From Stow's time onward, London's smaller waterways have been in process of being tucked into aqueducts underground while the territory of London's sewers has been well explored. You may walk for miles and miles in the waterways of the sewers known but to the rats who are their denizens. In places these sewers are high enoungh for a sixfoot man to walk upright, but this is exceptional. exceptional.

Forty years ago and onwards, it

Forty years ago and onwards, it was the turn of the railway engineers to try to flich the subsoil from Dame Nature, and to turn it to account. Central London was encircled by their tunnels, and such roads as the Embankment and Marylebone Road are but the upper crust of long caverns, at one time full of sulphur and steam engines.

engines.

Even from the Embankment Gardens were clouds of smoke to be seen arising from the vent holes. It was costly engineering, while the air to be reathed was thick with foulness Yet the Londoner of the Nineteentl Century availed imself of these dirt facilities and praised the engineers in his heart, even if he grumble! with his lips.

Landseer's Critic.
A friend of Sir Edward Landse A friend of Sir Edward Landseer, who accompanied him to Kensington Museum on the first occasion of its exhibition by gaslight, relates that Landseer stopped short before his large picture, "A Visit to Waterloo." "I must have been mad," said he, "when I painted that," And, watking up to the picture, he placed his hand over the part which had attracted his criticism. An attendant policeman shouted his polite caution, "Now, then, take you 'ands off, there!" "My good man," said Sir Edwin, "I was merely remarking how bad that was," "Then why don't you go and do better?" said the policeman, who had no idea to whom he was speaking. Wednesdays, 9 p. m. ROM BOSTON.

Evolution.

In the days when the higher education of women provoked more discussion than it does now a number of Cambridge university men, among them Arthur Clement Hilton, who was born a wit and died a clergyman, were discussing the establishment of women's colleges. Hilton expressed himself in favor of the movement.

"Of course," he said, "when women get their degrees they will not be backelors, but spinsters of art, and then after awhile they will proceed to the degree of M. A.—ma."

A Wellington Story. There was humor of a dry kind in the old Duke of Wellington, the conqueror of Waterloo, and it came out in the atory told by a lady whose French poodle once ran into the grounds of Walmer Castle.

"Blucher, Blucher!" called the fair owner of the poodle to the disobedient animal. rent animal.

The duke looked over the wall.

"Madam," said he, "time was when
I, too, should have been extremely
glad to see Blucher."

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A man beat a train in a recent race between the two from Ghoom to Kurseong, India — a distance of 15 1-2 miles. The victor, a private named Graham, of the Argylls, beat the train by two minutes. The distance was covered in one hour and thirty minutes by continuous running, Graham walked two days before from Ghoom to Kurseong and back, 31 miles in 6 1-4 hours.

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