

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report of the Postmaster-General.

The increase in number of Post-offices and in the volume of letters between Vancouver and Toronto...

The annual report of the Postmaster-General was presented to Parliament today. It states that the number of post-offices in the Dominion on July 1 last was 8,061...

In 1890, the mileage carried over 11,812 miles of railway. Last year the mileage was 12,121; an increase of 309 miles.

Toronto, far beyond any other city in Canada, furnishes the greatest amount of work to the department. The weekly average of letters, postcards and newspapers...

During the fiscal year the deposits in the Post-office Savings Banks were in number 147,672, and in amount, \$6,500,372; and the withdrawals \$4,963 in number and \$7,875,777 in amount...

For the year ending 30th June, 1891, the gross postal revenue was \$3,374,887, being an increase over the revenue of the previous year of \$151,273.

THOSE DIRIGIBLE BALLOONS.

Further Reports of Flights of Over One Hundred Miles.

Has Germany really discovered the art of guiding balloons? The art of war military authorities agree, would in that case be revolutionized, and the discovery would be one of the most important of the century.

It is reported that a captive balloon ascends almost every evening from the fort of Thorn, some eight miles from the frontier, that it describes an arc of a circle, the balloon is furnished with powerful electric search lights...

After remaining stationary until about 10 in the morning, the balloon took a westerly course. The previous day another balloon was observed hovering over the railway station at Pronskoff, near Warsaw...

Speaking of the coal business, let us keep cool. It is quite easy and much cheaper.

INCIDENTS OF LIFE.

The Rev. Dr. Parr, when perpetual curate of Hutton, Warwickshire, which living he held from 1783 to 1790, regularly smoked in the vestry while the congregation were singing hymns...

To-day in England, at Harrow, the boys are doctored en masse. Each one is served with two grains of quinine at morning and night as a safeguard against the influenza.

How rich a country France is, and what huge burdens it can therefore carry, may be inferred from the figures of the annual budget just introduced in the Chamber of Deputies.

The King and Queen of Greece have been married twenty-five years, and continue to live for each other in good, old-fashioned affection.

A short time ago the Moorish Kaid gave the Sultan of Morocco and his son a present of 200 male and female slaves to celebrate the event of the marriage of the heir to the Moorish throne.

The longest span of telegraph wires in the world is to be found in Cochinchina, crossing the river Mekong, and the longest span of telegraph wires in England...

In Germany, the smith, when finishing the shoe, punches a hole in the two ends, and when the shoe is cold he taps in a screw thread and screws into the shoe, when on the horse's foot, a sharp-pointed stud of iron...

Within the last few years the English Government in Egypt has remitted taxes to the amount of \$4,000,000 a year, and yet last year there was a surplus of \$5,500,000.

Golden Thoughts for Every Day. Monday—We know, as it is our pride to know, that man is by his constitution a religious animal...

Wednesday—Let us appeal to ourselves, whether we are not more unwilling to secret, closet, hearty duty to God, than to join with others in some external service...

Thursday—Religion is not confined to cells and closets, nor restrained to silent retirement. These are the gloomy doctrines of Superstition, by which she endeavors to break those chains of benevolence and social affection...

Friday—Grant us, dear Lord, from evil ways True absolution and release; And bless us, more than in past days, With purity and inward peace.

Saturday—I know from experience that habit can, in direct opposition to every conviction of the mind and but little aided by the elements of temptation...

The cocoa-tree of the Maldives Islands very month produces a cluster of nuts.

THE SARATOGA MIRACLE.

FURTHER INVESTIGATED BY AN EX-PRESS REPORTER.

The Facts Already Stated Fully Confirmed—Interviews With Leading Physicians Who Treated Quant—The Most Marvellous Case in the History of Medical Science.

A few weeks ago an article appeared in this paper copied from the Albany, N. Y. Journal, giving the particulars of one of the most remarkable cures of the 19th century...

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The result of the Express reporter's investigations authorizes him in saying that the story of Charles A. Quant's cure of locomotor ataxia by the use of Pink Pills for Pale People...

Perhaps the readers of the Express are not all of them familiar with the details of this miraculous restoration to health of a man who after weeks and months of treatment by the most skillful doctors...

My name is Charles A. Quant. I am 37 years old. I was born in the village of Galway and excepting while traveling on business and a little while in Amsterdam, have spent my whole life here.

By means of this letter access to the records was permitted and a transcript of the history of Mr. Quant's case made from them as follows:—

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"Ord. R. F. B. and Soda." These are the marked symptoms of a severe case of locomotor ataxia. "And Dr. Starr said a case with such marked symptoms could not be cured, and Quant who was receiving treatment in the out-patient department, was given up as incurable."

"That is more than I know. Quant says he has been taking some sort of pills and that they have cured him. At all events, I am glad the poor fellow is getting well, for his was a bad case and he was a great sufferer."

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Temperance, had, after four years of constant treatment by the most eminent Canadian physician, been pronounced incurable, and paid the \$1,000 total disability claim allowed by the order in such cases.

Such is the full history of this most remarkable case of successful recovery from a heretofore supposed incurable disease, and after all the doctors had given him up, by the simple use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

A further investigation revealed the fact that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not a patent medicine in the sense in which that term is usually understood, but are a scientific preparation successfully used in general practice for many years before being offered to the public generally.

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