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SPECIAL NOTICE.

As a great number of our subscribers are interested in the Census Guessing Competition...

This will save our readers and ourselves any trouble of correspondence in regard to the competition.

LEGAL MEANING OF DRUNK.

An important and interesting definition of the word "drunk" was given by a judge in the "Herald" court in Boston the other day...

THE PROPOSAL FOR NEW PROVINCES.

Without at the present moment committing myself to any positive statement, I am prepared to say that the time has arrived when the question of organizing the Territories on a provincial basis ought to be the subject of full consideration.

Democratic ward caucus on the evening of his arrest. Two factions vied with each other for the control of the caucus...

"It has often struck me as being very remarkable, considering the thousands of complaints made every year, that there is not an authoritative statement showing what constitutes a drunk. Do you know of a decree which defines what a drunk is, Mr. Proctor?"

"Whether says that drunk means intoxicated with strong drink; then drunkenness, the state of being drunk and intoxicated with the same result."

The Canadian magistrates have recently had an advantage over the Americans in a better definition of drunkenness than the lack of which the Boston magistrate has bemoaned, and the credit is due our St. John city council.

The above extract from a recent letter of Hon. Clifford Sifton in correspondence with Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, premier of the Northwest Territories...

desirable immigrant a much smaller attraction than since that territory has been marked off upon the maps into states, and the boundaries of each defined...

But there are many other distinct advantages that would result from the establishment of more provinces within the dominion. Undoubtedly the very fact would attract additional immigration...

Of course there are many features to be considered that would require careful consideration by the dominion government as well as by those public men of the Territories who may be willing to assume the responsibility of maintaining provincial governments.

Our city bands have for some time been practicing upon the selections which they will perform on the occasion of the royal visit. The perfection which they will exhibit will no doubt be such as to do them credit, and it is to be hoped will rank them with the best which their royal highnesses have been obliged to hear during their protracted pilgrimage.

Statistics of the travel from Boston to Yarmouth by steamer during September show 3,740 passengers carried in thirty trips. During the month of September last year 6,887 passengers were carried over the same route in 45 trips...

and direct is every reason to believe that the circumstances attending the exit of their royal highnesses from the portals of our fair dominion will reflect in a climacteric degree the glory that has attended their progress.

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The people of Canada are not so conspicuously interested in the recent canon of divorce which the House of Bishops of the Episcopal convention at San Francisco have adopted, as are the people of the United States, for the reason that divorce is so comparatively uncommon in this country.

A forceful illustration of the losses of trans-Atlantic freights at present is given in the fact that at least three big steamers, one between Newport News and London with 40,000 bushels, and two between Boston and London with 45,000 and 16,000 bushels respectively, are bringing their cargoes back across the ocean and will again carry them eastward for the simple reason that such protracted transportation is cheaper than finding storage accommodation for the cargoes in London with 40,000 bushels and two being very scarce as a result of accumulations.

Men's Suits.

- The exceptional quality of our Clothing, coupled with the extremely low prices, has placed this store at the front of all the establishments in the country. This season we will continue in our position as first. Our wares are even better than heretofore and the prices are most modest—quality considered.

GREATER OAK HALL, King Street, Cor. Germain. SCOVIL BROS. & CO., St. John, N. B.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Halifax is satisfied. It is to have the review. New Brunswick troops will contribute to the success of the Halifax show. The Lady of the Snows has still the raspberries on her bushes and strawberries on her vines. And yet they call Canada "the land of the Arctic aurora." As Rear Admiral Schley was retired from the active list of the United States navy this week, having reached the age limit of service, the further discussion of this punishment of the Spanish fleet ought to be also revived. It is to be hoped that the weather will be on its good behavior on Thursday and Friday, and not as it has been for the past few days; otherwise the British pressmen will abandon the title "Our Lady of the Snows" and dub it "The Maid of the Mist." It is rather a reflection on the patriotism of the men composing the United States navy that when the captain of the U. S. S. Richmond, at the League Island navy yard, investigated his crew the other day, he found that only twelve out of four hundred knew the national song, "The Star Spangled Banner." Forty-five hundred dollars in one hour was the record of earnings by Capt. F. H. Perry, of the fishing schooner Robb's, of Gloucester, which mackerel one day last week. This would be at the rate of \$750,000 a week, or \$39,312,000 per year. But fishing schooners as a rule cannot keep up that average. The Tory press are continually informing the people that the British preferential tariff is killing the woollen industry and closing the mills. How do they account for the fact that Messrs. Humphrey, of Moncton, have decided to increase their output and capacity by converting the old lock factory into a branch of their Humphrey's Mills establishment. The fact that the Brooklyn, Schley's flagship, inflicted 35 per cent. of the damage upon the Spanish ships and received more injury than the combined U. S. navy at Santiago, would evidently show that Schley was in the thick of the fight and had not fled like a coward. Prob- there are the annoying facts which so much ill-will and jealousy from officers.