

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

DIED.
TALBOT—On March 23, 1902, at her home, 119 Albert street, city, Jessie A. Talbot, beloved wife of John Talbot, motor-man, L. S. R.
 Funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25; service at 1:30. Interment at Brown's Cemetery, West Nisour. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDIT-
 ORS—in the estate of Andrew Kirk, late of the Township of Westminster, farmer, deceased: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Andrew Kirk, who died on or about the fourth day of March, 1902, are required to present the same to the undersigned, Messrs. Purdom & Purdom, of the City of London, Ontario, solicitors for William Weatherston and George F. Nichol, executors of the will of the said deceased, their full names and addresses, with a statement of their claims, which will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been received. PURDOM & PURDOM, solicitors for the said executors. Dated at London, this 22nd day of March, 1902.

Tenders

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT
 the City Engineer's office up to 5 o'clock on Thursday, March 27, for the various works required to make certain alterations and additions to the Police Station, London, or any tenders may be sent to A. O. GRAYDON, City Engineer.

ALD. NEIL COOPER,
 Chairman Board of Works.

GONE UP IN SMOKE.
 Winnipeg, March 24.—The local freight offices of the C. P. R. here were completely destroyed by fire, and the files, documents, way bills and office property and books were lost. The actual loss will be from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Winnipeg, Man., March 24.—A big fire broke out Friday night in the C. P. R. freight sheds, and before it was subdued it had burned down the offices and damaged some of the goods stored in the freight sheds. Loss not stated.

SYNDICATE TO RUN OGILVIE
 MINING PLANT.

Montreal, March 24.—It is announced that a syndicate headed by F. W. Thompson, of Winnipeg, and Charles R. Hosmer, of Montreal, have secured control of the Ogilvie mining plant, which is the largest in Canada. The company has mills at Montreal, Godfrich, Seaforth, Winnipeg. The price of the sale is stated to be about four million dollars.

OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION.
 Winnipeg, Man., March 24.—A long list of business men in Manitoba have signed a manifesto that they will register in the negative when the referendum is voted upon early in April. Both sides are working very hard. The licensed victuallers are not making so much noise as the prohibitionists, but they seem much more satisfied and confident of success in the defeating of the referendum.

Mr. Charles Jolly, residing on the mountain brow, near Hamilton, fired a gun at a party of young men who were annoying him by their noise. Two of the young men were wounded, one in the face.

THAT VISIT TO PRETORIA COLLISION IN VERY HEAVY FOG

Of Boer Officials May Not Count for Much.

Civilian Leaders Not Likely to Control Dewet and Delarey,

But They Have Carried Out to the Letter the Advice of Lord Lansdown, British Foreign Secretary.

London, March 24.—There is little disposition in London to regard the news of the Boer Government's visit to Pretoria any too hopefully. Official circles express the doubts, held throughout, of the ability of Acting President Schalkbarger and the other civilian leaders of the Boers to induce such men as Gens. Dewet and Delarey to surrender. Possibly they think the representatives of the Transvaal Government are desirous of suing for peace; but there is nothing to show that they have any authority to impose submission on the commanders in the field.

THE MOST HOPEFUL SIGN
 they see is the announcement that Lord Kitchener permitted Mr. Schalkbarger and his companions to proceed to the Orange River Colony, the contention being that unless the British commander-in-chief in South Africa, who is on the spot and therefore most thoroughly conversant with the situation, recognized the possibility of fruitful results and believed in the good faith of the Transvaalers, he would not have permitted the visitors to continue their pilgrimage to the headquarters of their Orange River Colony allies. The same cautious reserve permeates the newspaper utterances, and the comment in well informed circles.

SOME SIGNIFICANCE
 is attached to the fact that, in approaching Lord Kitchener, Mr. Schalkbarger and those associated with him have carried out to the letter the advice given by the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, in his reply to the peace note of the Netherlands Government, that the quickest and most satisfactory means for arranging a settlement would be by direct communication between the leaders of the Boers and the British commander-in-chief in South Africa.

But there is no sign that the Transvaal mission received any mandate from the fighting generals, or that the latter are prepared to recognize the authority of their acting president, Mr. Schalkbarger, to negotiate terms for peace. Presumably the latter satisfied Lord Kitchener that he had certain clearly defined proposals to submit to his ally, President Steyn, but the best information from South Africa deprecates any belief in the likelihood of a sudden surrender of the burghers still in the field, on the order of the Boer Government. Almost the best to be hoped for is that the present overture will so modify the situation as to

BRING PEACE NEARER.
 The Westminster Gazette this afternoon urges that any peace proposal should be regarded on its merits, pointing out that the ungenerous assumption that the previous Boer overtures were signs of weakness had contributed largely to the failure of the negotiations.

The Pall Mall Gazette would like to think that the brave, skillful commanders, Dewet and Delarey, have arrived at the height of moral courage once attained by General Lee, and have realized that the truest patriotism does not consist in the prolongation of a hopeless struggle. But the paper confesses that the military situation is not auspicious for such a change of mind.

The St. James Gazette extracts from the unilluminating dispatches thus far received from Pretoria the theory that Mr. Schalkbarger and the other members of his party have possibly already surrendered and have been released on parole for the purpose of seeing President Steyn and Gen. Dewet.

The news from South Africa had a generally good effect on the stock exchange.

A CONCESSION.
 London, March 24.—The Associated Press has good reason to believe that Lord Kitchener, in his interview with Mr. Schalkbarger, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation issued in September if Gen. Dewet and the other Boer leaders surrender.

THE NEWS IN PARLIAMENT.
 London, March 24.—In the House of Commons today the war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalkbarger intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines and back in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, had acceded to the request. The announcement of the war secretary was received with cheers.

SYDNEY THEATER BURNED.
 Sydney, N. S. W., March 23.—His Majesty's Theater was much damaged by fire last night, the interior being destroyed. The properties and scenery of "Ben Hur," valued at \$14,000, were lost. There was practically no insurance on the property destroyed.

A \$10,000 HORSE PERISHED.
 New York, March 23.—The hunting stable of F. F. Collier at Easton, N. J., with eight valuable hunting horses, was burned before daylight today. The loss being about \$10,000. It was impossible to save the horses, among which was Mr. Collier's \$10,000 hunter, Greenfield. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

GUELPH YOUNG LIBERALS.
 Guelph, March 24.—A large and gratifying meeting of the Young Liberal Club was held Friday evening, at which addresses were delivered by Col. Mutrie, M.P., C. L. Higgins and Col. J. P. McMillan. The meeting was for the purpose of organization for the coming campaign. Prospects are looking bright for the re-election of Col. Mutrie.

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offer. One is that Col. Hughes go in command, and the other is that he will not be responsible to any British officers except Lord Kitchener or Gen. French, or some British officer, who, in the opinion of Col. Hughes, is competent and able to appreciate and take the advantage of Canadian troops.

EASTERN ONTARIO
TEACHERS SELECTED

To instruct Boer children in the South African Concentration Camps.

[Special to Advertiser.]
 Ottawa, March 24.—The following teachers have been selected in Eastern Ontario to go to South Africa to teach the Boer children in concentration camps:

Miss Lavina Rodger, Normal School, Ottawa.

Miss Georgina A. Grant, Normal School, Ottawa.

Lottie E. Bleakney, Cooper street, Ottawa.

Miss Libbie Rodger, Middleville, Lanark.

Florence H. Randall, Ottawa.

Miss Julia Urquhart, Ottawa.

Miss Sarah E. Drysdale, Perth.

Miss Annie Moulton, Gananoque.

Miss Ruby M. Rothwell, Ottawa.

DIED ALONE IN
CHICAGO HOTEL

Man Recently From This City Inhaled Gas From Open Jet.

A dispatch from Chicago, bearing date of March 23, reads as follows:

"A man supposed to be J. McGregor, of London, Ont., was found dead in his room at a Sheldon street hotel today. Gas was escaping from an open jet. The man had not undressed, and lay on the floor beside the bed in such a position as to indicate that he died struggling for breath. In his pockets were found a bank book from a London, Ont., bank, bearing the name J. McGregor. He also had a mileage book from London, Ont., to Winnipeg."

The local police have been able to learn little of the dead man. He had an account at Molsons Bank, but the bank people refuse to give the amount. McGregor boarded recently on Talbot street, but the boarding-house people also know little of him. He is supposed to have a brother living in the vicinity of either Edmondville or Seaforth.

BUSINESS FOR THE
CANADIAN NORTHERN

Going To Be a Big Ore-Carrying Road—Increased Earnings of G. T. R.

Reports received at the Ontario crown lands department this morning show that the Canadian Northern will become a big iron ore carrying road. The ore deposit of the Atika, Okan and Steep Rock Lake ranges are being thoroughly tested, and three diamond drills are at work. R. H. Flaherty, on behalf of American capitalists, is building roads and preparing to put in machinery, and Mackenzie & Mann are doing everything possible to encourage the opening up of the ranges, which will, it is believed, rival the Mesaba.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

Dominion To Be Well Represented at the Coronation.

The Force Will Include Representatives From All Branches of the Militia.

Ottawa, March 23.—It is learned from an authoritative source that the maximum strength of the military contingent invited to the coronation is 580. The government will probably send the full number asked for. The contingent will be commanded by a lieutenant-colonel, who will have under him two majors, an adjutant, and three officers for each 100 men. The colonel will be selected from the active militia, and the second in command and the adjutant will probably be chosen from the permanent corps. The contingent will be representative of every branch of the militia, and no preference will be given to men who have served in South Africa. A sprinkling of veterans of the Boer war will, of course, find a place in the force, as the English public will doubtless wish to have some of the Canadians who helped to fight the empire's battles. As yet the unit to be chosen from each regiment has not been fixed; in fact, none of the arrangements have been made. As soon as the government determines what the strength of the contingent shall be and the minister of militia receives certain information for which he was asked, no time will be lost in organizing the force and arranging for its transportation. It is not unlikely that the contingent will start from Montreal about June 14, which would give them ample time to reach London, as the coronation does not take place until the 26th of that month. The minister of militia, with Mrs. Borden, will visit London in a few months, and may leave for the other side towards the end of May. Col. Borden will therefore have the opportunity of inspecting the contingent after it reaches London. It is his desire that the force shall be one of which Canada can feel proud, and that it shall be in every way worthy of the proud position which the Dominion enjoys as the leading colony in the empire.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Eugene Cowles and His Concert Company at the Grand.

If London's alleged music lovers continue to show themselves so totally lacking in discrimination and taste as was evidenced by the beggarly attendance at Saturday night's presentation at the New Grand, it will be entirely their own fault. It is really and really meritorious artists and combinations of artists give this city the cut direct and pass on to other places whose citizens give tangible expression to their faculty of cultured and refined appreciation of what is best in the musical world. Had Eugene Cowles come to London with one of the organizations with which he was formerly connected—presenting musical works which please for the moment, but which contain almost nothing of permanent musical worth—he would have seen the Grand crowded from top to bottom. Coming as he did with a combination of singers, who offer good music for its own sake, and not as a side line to stale jokes, tinsel costumes and spot lights, he beholds only an ocean of empty seats, with an occasional inhabitant of the Grand. Discreditable is perhaps the best word to describe the light in which London's pretended patrons of music appear.

The opportunity to hear Eugene Cowles was one that should have been eagerly hailed by all who take any interest whatever in music. With the exception of Edouard DeRezske, he is probably America's leading basso. His renditions on Saturday night convinced the audience that he has earned his reputation honestly. His first number was Flegler's "The Horn," which he sang with an understanding that made all feel the romantic old-world spirit of the number. He responded to an enthusiastic encore with "The Low Backed Car." His next number was "The Two Grenadiers," substituted by request for Schubert's "Die Wanderer." In response to an enthusiastic encore he sang "Forgotten," one of his own compositions, to words of an anonymous writer. Signor Tesella, a pianist of feeling and power, opened the programme with Godard's "March," acted as accompanist and musical director for the balance of the programme. Miss Genevieve Finlay, who possesses a full sweet contralto and a pleasing presence, sang "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" (the aria from Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah"), in such acceptable fashion that she was recalled to give a tender lullaby. Mr. Edmund Stanley's strong rich tenor—one of the best heard here this year—was used to advantage in his rendition of Northrop's "March." Signora Gina Ciaparelli sang Ardit's "Waltz" in a clear round soprano that betokened both talent and training. The four vocal artists then sang two quartets, "Oh, Hush Thee My Baby," by Sullivan, and "Night Witchery," by Storch. One of the most acceptable numbers was the extra with which the concert programme closed, it being

Tosti's "Good Bye," given as a trio by Miss Finlay and Messrs. Cowles and Stanley.

The concluding portion of the programme consisted of an operetta entitled "Snowbound." An opera company waiting in a New England railway station for a stalled train, is shown and their rehearsal of their coming concert gives opportunity for the introduction of several well-known operatic numbers. Mr. Cowles sang his old favorite from "Robin Hood," "The Armorer's Song." Mr. Stanley and Signora Ciaparelli rendered the Miserere from "Il Trovatore" in the original Italian, and scored a hit.

One gratifying feature of the evening was the sincere appreciation of the musical feast provided manifested by those present. The enthusiasm of the audience was only equaled by the generosity of the artists in responding so frequently to recalls.

COMING ON GOOD FRIDAY.

The Grand Rapids Post Democrat of March 18 says of the Dainty Patee Burlesquers, who come to the London for matinee and night performances on Friday and Saturday next: The Dainty Patee Burlesquers present a greater variety of feminine beauty than any other organization in the business. They have girls slim and stout, thick and thin, fat and lean, short and tall, old and young, pretty and—well, there is almost anything imaginable in the company. The programme is conventional, two musical farces and an olio. The farces afford opportunity for the introduction of some good work by the burlesque with beautiful light effects. The best features of the olio are wonderful contortion acts by La Tosca, the greatest contortionist, and the Grahams—Frank and Grace—in the latest popular song with new illustrations.

HONORED BY ROYALTY.

After Miss Jessie MacLachlan, who comes to the Grand on April 1, had sung by command before Queen Victoria at Balmoral Castle, she received a letter from Major J. W. written by the Princess Louise, complimenting her on her singing of both Scottish and Gaelic songs, a letter which the recipient values as much as the handsome bracelet which accompanied it. Besides other members of the royal family, Miss MacLachlan has sung before the Tsaritzin of Russia, the Grand Duke of Hesse, and other high nobilities.



"FOXY QUILLER" TONIGHT.

The largest organization which is presenting the lighter form of musical entertainment at the present time is the Klav & Erlanger Opera Company, headed by Jerome Sykes, presenting DeKoven & Smith's latest comic opera, "Foxy Quiller." "Foxy Quiller" has proved a successful as did "Robin Hood," by the same authors, and is a fitting successor to that popular opera. In "Foxy Quiller" Mr. Smith has made his comedy a conspicuous quantity. The plot is ingenious and the characters removed from the commonplace, and "Foxy Quiller" has proved one of those rarities in comic opera with a consistent story. Klav & Erlanger have given "Foxy Quiller" a sumptuous production and the big cast and chorus are costumed with a lavishness of artistic display and disregard of cost characteristic of this theatrical firm. The orchestra is conducted by Signor de Novellis and the opera was staged by Ben Teal. "Foxy Quiller" is to be presented at the New Grand this evening.

"BARBARA FRIETCHIE."

In his story of "Barbara Fretchie," Clyde Fitch has taken many liberties with tradition. Although not a character in history, Barbara Fretchie is almost an historical character, for the poet who conceived her gave us a clear and sympathetic picture which, through familiarity, has grown into fact; therefore, no censure rests on the author because he introduces Barbara Fretchie at an earlier age than was considered by the Quaker singer. The complete New York scenic production will be on view when the play is presented here at the New Grand next Thursday evening.

HERMANN THE GREAT.

Hermann the Great, the prince of black art, will appear at the New Grand Friday, matinee and evening. His programme of legerdemain the present season comprises many new and novel problems in occult phenomena and prestidigitation. "Noah's Ark, or After the Flood," "The Escape from Sing Sing," "The Turkish Broom," and many other new experiments in sleight of hand, will be given in this city.

"SHORE ACRES."

"Shore Acres," the most beautiful

and successful of all the plays written by James A. Herne, comes to the New Grand next Saturday, matinee and evening. The scenes of "Shore Acres" are all laid along the Maine coast and the characters introduced are drawn from life. There are many interesting scenes, and the author has cleverly blended his humorous and pathetic incidents. The story told in "Shore Acres" cannot fail to enlist the sympathies of any audience, and all will find the play amusing and entertaining.

MISS F. BURNS SET AT LIBERTY.

No Proof That She Knew How Brooks Met His Death.

Her Statements to Police Stricken From Record—They Have No Right to Question Prisoner Before Arraignment.

New York, March 24.—Florence Burns, the young Brooklyn woman who had been in the custody of the police of this city since February 15, under suspicion of knowing how Walter Brooks met his death, was Saturday night discharged by Justice Mayer, of the special sessions court, who sat as an examining magistrate. Brooks, who was a young commission merchant here, had been keeping company with Florence Burns. He was found dead on the night of February 14 in a room at the Glen Island Hotel. The gas in the room was turned on, and there was a bullet wound in the head.

PROSECUTION'S SIDE. The district attorney tried to show that Florence Burns was likely to have killed Brooks because he was trying to break off his association with her. The defense advanced the suicide theory, and for several days Justice Mayer has been inquiring into the two theories. He finally decided when the hearing of the case took place that he had brought out sufficient to hold Florence Burns to the grand jury. After her discharge she returned to her home in Brooklyn.

THE DEFENSE. At the hearing Saturday afternoon, Attorney Backus, representing the Burns girl, made his argument, contending that there was not a iota of evidence to show that his client was connected with the death of Brooks. Assistant District Attorney Schurman followed in an argument intended to cast suspicion on the girl, holding that there was plenty of circumstantial evidence on which to bring her case to the attention of the grand jury.

JUSTICE'S IMPORTANT RULING. The justice reviewed the testimony and held that nothing had been brought out by the state sufficient for him to hold the girl for trial in the criminal branch of the supreme court. Mr. Backus during the afternoon moved that certain statements made by his client to detectives be stricken from the record because she had not been informed of her rights when the statements were made. Assistant District Attorney Schurman opposed this motion, but Justice Mayer granted it, saying he had searched carefully for a proper statement of the facts of the case, and when not informed of the charge against him or her, had been used as evidence, and he had failed to find one such case.

Justice Mayer said he found no warrant in law for the questioning of a prisoner by a police officer before the prisoner had been arraigned before a police magistrate in order to inform her rights. Schurman said he hoped the court would make it possible to have that view thoroughly tested. "It is going to work the greatest innovation in the system in vogue," he added, "not only to the city of New York, but in the entire country. Thousands of cases have been decided in court after statements made by prisoners to officers before the arraignment."

Justice Mayer said the system might have been established by custom, but as long as there was no law to the contrary, the justice also declared that there was no law permitting a person to be arrested on suspicion.

Telegraphic Briefs.

All will be ready to turn over the government of Cuba to the Cubans on May 1.

George Alderson, a veteran newspaper man of Livingston, Mont., fell dead at his desk.

Sir Henry Irving and Ellen Terry have closed their American tour and sailed for England.

Grover Cleveland refuses to get excited over Bryan's article in the "The Girl and the Judge." The theater has to give way to commercial improvements.

The Catholic Laymen's Association of Chicago is to develop into a national organization. Chicago has a membership of 10,000. Its objects are the promotion of purity and good government.

A challenge for an airship race in Chicago, to be held as a preliminary event to the \$200,000 aerial steeplechase at the St. Louis World's Fair of 1903, was sent to Santos-Dumont at Paris by Theopoldus Williams, of Chicago.

Paderevski caused a lot of commotion among the yardmen of the Rock Island Road at Davenport, Ia. He insisted that the car be turned round for the return trip as he could not or would not sleep except with his head toward the engine.

Flood news of an alarming nature comes from the Aroostook, Machias and Union Rivers, in Maine. On the Aroostook, it is reported that the new mill of the Ashland Manufacturing Company and 20,000,000 feet of logs are in danger of being carried out.

The action of Morang & Company against the Canadian Publishing Company and Copp, Clark & Company, Toronto, to prevent the pirating of alleged copyright selections used in the second Ontario reader has been abandoned, the owners of the copyrights not being disposed to go on with the suit.

Stratford Board of Trade has been reorganized. Nine trainloads of settlers and effects arrived in Winnipeg on Sunday.

Hon. J. R. Stratton was again nominated by the Liberals of West Peterboro.

Sir William Macdonald has placed \$125,000 to the credit of the rural school fund in the Bank of Montreal for the erection and furnishing of the buildings in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and mild.

These are wonderfully interesting days all over the store. The charm of the new things bring pleased customers.

Your Easter Hat

You'll want it by the end of the week. You can have it if you do not leave off ordering until it be too late. We employ the largest staff of skilled milliners in the city, and we are prepared to take your order now and fill it by Saturday. We can promise you the nicest and most stylish hat at the lowest price you ever paid. We are noted for giving high-class value not only in millinery, but in everything else we sell, and every customer here is a pleased customer. Why should it be otherwise?

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Customers who have been waiting the arrival of our Fine French Organdies will learn with pleasure that they are now to hand. We have spoken of their beauty, and they are up to all that we have said. The most exquisite patterns and colorings at 40c and 45c yard. Also to hand, a line of Fine Mercerized Lawns in plain colors of pink, sky blue and black.

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Dainty Easter Whitewear.

The new things to hand for Easter have created favorable comment—another evidence that this is the store for the newest and nicest garments at moderate prices. We are proud of the showing. See the assortment early.

CORSET COVERS.

Just arrived, another supply of our 25c Covers, regular price 35c, embroidered trim, bust measure from 32 to 42 inches—25 dozen only to sell at each. Special line in Marguerite style, cut square, lace trimmed, regular price 50c value, our low price 35c. Ladies' Close-Fitting Cover, prettily trimmed with lace insertion and edging to match. Price 45c.

GOWNS.

Ladies' Mother Hubbard Gowns, clusters of tucks on the yoke, frills of cambrie finish the collar, sleeves and front plait. Price 50c. Ladies' Empire Gown, yokes and revers of hemstitching and embroidery insertion, dainty lace finishes revers and sleeves, value \$1.35; our low price 75c.

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Special line, sizes ranging from 38 to 42 inches long, six-inch embroidery frill, cluster of three tucks. Price 75c. Ladies' Double Plounce Skirt, trimmed with embroidery and tucking, sizes. Price 1.00.

DRAWERS.

Special line in Ladies' Umbrella Drawers, frills of lawn, hemstitched tucks and lace edging, all sizes. Price 50c. Also just received, another lot of these wonderful 25c Drawers; 600 pairs only; ladies' good White Cotton Drawers, double-stitched seams, six-inch frill, with hemstitched edges and deep hem. This is the line so many of our customers have been waiting for. Certainly great value at 25c.

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HER NUT-BROWN HAIR PROVED ONLY A WIG

Supreme Court Upheld Her Lover in Jilting Her as He Was Won by Fraud.

Des Moines, Ia., March 24. — The supreme court of Iowa has handed down a decision which has set the young women of this state to thinking.

In Emmetsburg William Strong made love to Jennie Amsler, proposed and was accepted. What attracted Strong most was the young woman's hair—her beautiful nut-brown hair. And he loved her hair so intensely that when she whispered to him her soulful "yes" he was filled with great joy.

The young man boasted of Jennie's hair, as "a beautiful mist, falling down to her waist," and a young woman who heard him remarked softly, and, of course, innocently, "Yes, Jennie has beautiful hair, and why shouldn't she, considering what she paid for it?"

Thereupon the young man charged Jennie with deceit, compelled her to confess the adorned tresses weren't hers and broke off the engagement.

Jennie promptly sued him for breach of promise and won. But the supreme court reversed the judgment, declaring that as she had won his love because

of her hair, and her hair was false, therefore she had won his love on a false pretense, and he was justified in refusing to marry her.

MAN WITH ELEVEN WIVES.

San Antonio, Tex., March 24.—Sheriff Wiser, of Plattsburg, Mo., with Christian C. Nelson, who is alleged to have married nine women, left for that place Saturday. Sheriff Wiser and his prisoner had not been gone two hours before Sheriff Hendrickson, of Conway, Ark., who also wanted Nelson for bigamy, arrived with a warrant for him. Today two more alleged victims of Nelson were heard from, making a total of eleven alleged wives.

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Great Speech Worth Preserving.

The Advertiser today gives space to one of the strongest speeches ever delivered in Canada—that given by Sir Richard Cartwright in the House of Commons, in the course of the budget debate. There are not many speakers in the English tongue who can more effectively marshal facts, figures, arguments and inferences. Take one section of Sir Richard's speech alone, that referring to the falsification of figures and facts in the census previous to the census now being tabulated. We doubt if a more convincing and crushing exposure has ever been made. Read what the member for South Oxford says, and judge for yourself. The various matters referred to in Sir Richard's speech will be sure to recur from time to time, and we would advise that after the address has been read and inwardly digested, it be carefully preserved for future reference.

Revolution in the British Army.

The British papers are not at all sanguine that the "reforms" which Mr. Brodrick, Minister of War, has promised to carry out in the army will achieve the object which they have in view. In the ensuing year, it is intended to spend about \$350,000,000 on the army of 429,000. The Minister explains that the question of recruiting presents the problem how to maintain in future an establishment of 250,000 men, when the effective strength of the army was only 210,000. It is expected that by the end of the war the reserve force will be depleted down to 50,000, and there will be at home no field force at all. This is a serious condition of affairs, for, though it is true that recruiting has gone up in consequence of the war excitement, the increase has been comparatively small. It was 40,000 in 1899; 46,700 in 1900, and 45,000 in 1901. But the annual waste from invalids has increased in these years from 3,485 to 8,822. It has been a wasteful system, both in lowering the standard of the men and in expenditure of money. An increase of more than 35,000 healthy recruits, under normal conditions, is not likely to take place; but the army cannot be kept at the desired point of efficiency unless the number is increased to 50,000. Hence the plunge which the War Minister has taken both with regard to the pay of the soldier and his term of service. It is now provided that every man shall be allowed to enlist, except in the Household Cavalry, for three years, to be followed by nine years in the Reserve. On the first of next month every recruit as soon as he has passed his recruit drill, will receive the whole of his shilling pay instead of 10d a day, the pay Tommy Atkins has hitherto received. After two years' service every man will have to choose whether he will go to the reserves after three years, or whether he will complete eight years with the colors. Those who elect to remain in the service, for this time, before going to the reserve, will be given an additional sixpence a day, making 1s. 6d. in all after two years' service. Inefficient soldiers will not be allowed to re-enlist. The men who elect to serve for eight additional years will be divided into two classes, and those who are not efficient shots will get fourpence extra instead of sixpence a day. In order to further encourage the men the number of lance-sergeants and corporals will be considerably increased. Though these changes will cost over \$5,000,000 in Great Britain and \$8,500,000 in India, it is doubtful if the increased pay will supply a sufficiently strong incentive to induce a better and more numerous class of young men to join the army. We have always held that Great Britain pays her soldiers a miserly pittance, and but for the love of fighting and adventure of the race she would never be able to maintain her army at even its present standard without resorting to continental conscription. Even supposing she were to pay 50 cents a day (or 2s) to each really efficient soldier, she would be giving him but a very modest reward for his services. It really is not wonder that the authorities find it difficult to get men of good physique and perfect health to join the colors. They have a very poor outlook, even viewing the prospects at their best. The new departure, is bound to have a trial, and it will be interesting to watch how much success will attend it.

Our farmer friends will please take note that the Opposition policy is once more declared to be a higher rate of taxation than that which now prevails.

The Pall Mall Gazette is certainly happy in its suggestions that in view of Canada's splendid record of trade progress, as shown in Hon. Mr. Fielding's budget statement, it would be much more appropriate to have the Dominion dubbed, "Our Lady of Success," than "Our Lady of the Snows." The old world people see our phenomenal success as a nation, during the six years of the new era in Canadian history, with much satisfaction, for as

we are strengthened so is the Empire of which we form an increasingly important part.

Fashion's Foibles.

There has just come under our notice a quaint volume, published exactly 100 years ago, dealing with the fashionable foibles of the times. Really, in this regard, one does not see that much change has taken place in the habits and eccentricities of the race in the century that has elapsed since Mr. John Corry wrote his "Sketch of the Manners of the Age" in the second year of the nineteenth century. "The beaux," says the writer with charming candor, "are not altogether so effeminate as they appeared last winter. The trousers are not so complete an imitation of the loose drapery of the petticoat as formerly; nor are their collars stuffed so full as to give the appearance of a crick. They have not, however, divested themselves of that ridiculous severity of look which they assume in order to appear men of spirit and consequence; or that conceived air, which seems to say, 'I'm a very elegant young fellow, ain't I?' The ladies, on the other hand, have welcomed the return of peace (that of Amiens) with a display of continued hostilities against the other sex. "For instance, they wage war like the ancient Gauls, exposing themselves, almost naked, to the rigor of a wintry atmosphere. Really, their immediate exemplar was Citoeyune Tallien, who was a decidedly modern Gaul, and who, the historians say, appeared in her salon as Venus." Mr. Corry proceeds to point out that the ladies of his day "also paint, probably in imitation of the savage nations, who stain their bodies with different colors, in order to terrify the enemy." He goes into details as to the vices of the age. "Love of gain" is the first mentioned. It is no new thing for the millionaire to be fawned upon. "Affectation" is another prominent trait of modern manners. Men profess philanthropy at the very moment that they are trying to over-reach their fellow-creatures. In London, in 1802, "that innate love of variety so natural to the human mind is carried to excess. Here the lion may be viewed with safety; the vast and sagacious elephant stands gazing at his wondering visitors, while the horrid crocodile and deathful rattlesnake appear in all their natural deformity to gratify the public." Nobody, nowadays, sees harm in a visit to the Zoo, where all these sights, and thousands more, can be witnessed on Mondays for sixpence. But we learn from this quaint author also that "next to the love of novelty may be mentioned its concomitant—profusion." Luxury descends by easy gradation "from the perfumed toilette and magnificent rout of the duchess to the tidy washerwoman and her gossiping companions seated at the tea-table; from the peer over his wine to the porter-drinking mechanic." Is there any difference today in these matters? Let the forthcoming crop of Easter bonnets and accompanying toggery be the answer.

If Radcliffe gets too much rope he may hang himself. He must be made to understand that he is not to regard himself as a "show," and if he insists on courting notoriety, and getting into scraps, he should be superseded.

Mr. Marter's Position.

Toronto, March 24.—Mr. G. F. Marter, in an address to the electors of North Toronto, reviews the subjects with which the Ontario Assembly is called to deal, and expresses the opinion that those questions should be approached and dealt with from the point of view of the country's interest, instead of with the object of furthering a party. He is prepared to defend his course in differing from the Conservative party in the house on several questions, and he goes on to say: "Will anyone assert that the government's policy has always been right, or that it has always been wrong? I certainly will not, and I ask to be placed in such a position that I shall be free to pronounce on each question on its merits, always keeping in view my responsibility to the whole people, instead of to a party, or, in other words, to a party."

"The government deserve credit for bringing before the legislature at its last session, and crystallizing into law measures for the opening up of our new territory. It is absolutely necessary that New Ontario should be developed. This province, as a member of the confederation, is liable for a large proportion of an enormous public debt, which, if the country does not progress, will prove an oppressive burden. Will we not most effectually lighten that burden and build up our province's prosperity by the development of that new country and the consequent increase of our population?"

"The putting of our pulp lands under contract, and the building of the Temiskaming Railway, are, I think, means well calculated to attain that end, and incidentally these measures are directly in the interests of the merchants, manufacturers and artisans of our city and the whole country."

"At the great cost of dissociating myself from my party, I have supported the government in these measures."

PROBABLY WHIPPED TO DEATH.

Higbee, Mo., March 24.—The dead body of Oliver Wright, a negro, was found near here yesterday. His back and arms were a mass of scars and bruises and his clothing was torn to shreds and scattered for a hundred feet along the road. Everything indicated that a death struggle had taken place. It generally believed that he was whipped to death, and all evidence goes to show that such was the case, but who the parties were or why they killed him, is not known.

PROBABILITY OF BIG STRIKE

Involving Thirty-Five Thousand Coal Miners.

Strike of Paper-Makers Averted—Disastrous Results of Convict Labor in Indiana.

New York, March 24.—Manufacturers of news paper in New York propose to change the working schedule for their men permanently. Up to six months ago the men worked twelve hours a day and six days a week. The employers decided that a schedule of eight hours a day would be put in force with seven days' work instead of six. The labor unions would not indorse this changed schedule, and a strike was threatened. It was decided that the men continue to work as per the schedule now in force until after the next meeting, which will take place during the first week in May, at which it is expected the matter will be finally decided and a uniform schedule put in force.

RESULTS OF CONVICT LABOR. Indianapolis, March 24.—The convict labor question, at present attracting attention. It is said that the reformatory at Jeffersonville is turning out more goods than ever before, and that in at least one line the competition is being felt disastrously. This is in chain-making, and the local union of chainmakers of New Albany, has asked the assistance of the American Federation of Labor and the Indiana Federation of Labor in an effort to reduce the output of the penitentiary. The union says there are now in the reformatory 100 fires used for chain-making, and that preparations are under way to increase these by 50. It is stated that the competition has caused the loss of employment to many men in this line of industry, and that if the additional number of fires is put on at the reformatory it means the practical extinction of chain-making in this state.

BRIDGEWORKERS MAY STRIKE.

New York, March 24.—There is a possibility that bridge work on the great structure known as the eastern district bridge and all other iron work on buildings in the course of construction in New York city will come to a sudden stop May 1 next. On or before that date the representatives of the Housecarpenter and Bridgecarpenter Union will demand an advance of wages from their present scale to that of 40 cents an hour. Unless their demands are met they are determined to stop work throughout the entire country.

35,000 MINERS INVOLVED.

Indianapolis, March 24.—Secretary-Treasurer W. B. Wilson, of the United Mine Workers' of America has returned to national headquarters from the east, where he attended the convention of miners. Mr. Wilson discussed the situation in the coal fields of Virginia and West Virginia and gave out the statement that, in all probability, a strike involving 35,000 miners will be called in those states within a short time. The operators will be asked for a conference, but are expected to refuse.

ITALIAN STRIKE SPREADING.

Rome, March 24.—A dispatch from Rome to the Central News says that the strike of agriculturists is spreading throughout Italy, and that 150,000 farm laborers are now out in the provinces of Ferrara, Bologna and Vicenza, while in sixteen other provinces the laborers are reported to be organizing.

FRANK P. SARGENT'S POSITION.

St. Louis, March 24.—Frank P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, who has been mentioned as the successor of C. V. Powell as commissioner of immigration, denies that the position has been offered him "officially," but admits he has talked with the president on the general subject of immigration, and that the "administration" has asked him if he would take the position.

THE MAD RACE OF AN ENGINE

Averted the Collision of Two Freight Trains.

Dispatcher Discovered His Mistake None Too Soon—Another Minute and Disaster Would Have Been Inevitable.

Indianapolis, March 24.—A mad race with a switch engine after a fast freight train, which had been given the right of way, and was drawing closer every moment upon another train, which was advancing under similar orders, prevented a wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad Friday night. The dispatcher at Washington gave a fast freight, No. 33, at Shoen's the right of way over fast freight, No. 50, which was at Washington. The order was sent to the relay station and received by the crew of No. 50. After No. 33 had pulled the order telegram to the relay station, telling the operator to destroy the first order and have No. 50 go east without orders. This put both trains on the track, and both crews supposed they had the right of way.

A few moments after No. 50 pulled out the dispatcher discovered his mistake, and, abandoning his instruments, flew to the railroad yards and demanded an engine. One was standing on the track, and in a moment it was switched to the main track, the three thrown open by the engineer, and the moving train. It happened to be a long and exceedingly heavy train, and ten miles out from Washington the red lights of the caboose were distinguished.

Every available pound of steam was crowded on, and the engine came up behind the train just before it reached a way station, and it was brought to a stand and quickly run into the switch. The engine followed, and had just cleared the track when No. 33 came down under a full head of steam. The loss of another minute would have been fatal to the two trains.

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SWISS DOT MUSLINS—In white and colored grounds, helio, red, blue, castor, black, gray, fancy stripes and floral effects. Special, per yard. 20c

AMERICAN BATISTES—In gray, gold, blue, pink, rose, black, helio, cardinal and green, fancy stripes and floral effects. Special, per yard. 15c

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SPECIAL LINE—Full Bleached, All-Linen Table Damask, extra heavy, 70 inches wide, plain center, wide floral border, a few imperfections in weave; regular price \$1.25, for, per yard 85c

SPECIAL LINE—Half-Bleached Table Damask, 70 inches wide, good weight, fine weave; worth regularly 50c, for, per yard 40c

SPECIAL LINE—Unbleached, Pure Linen, Hand-Loom Table Damask, extra weight, 70 inches wide; regular price 65c, for, per yard 50c

SPECIAL LINE—Bleached Linen Damask Table Cloths, border all around, 2½ yards long; worth regularly \$1.25 and \$1.35, for, per cloth \$1.00

FRIGHTFUL REVENGE OF A JEALOUS FARMER

Made a Bull Kill His Wife—Tragic Sequel to a Family Feud.

Tonawanda, N. Y., March 24.—J. B. Post, a farmer, 35 years old, living four miles south of this village, bound his wife Amanda to a stake in the bull pen of his stable Friday morning. She wore a red calico apron, which aroused a confined bull to frenzy, and in its rage the animal attacked the woman and gored her to death. It is said that Post's act was caused by jealousy of Hiram Coates, a Free Methodist preacher. It is said Post got his idea for the crime from a play depicting the bull scene in "Quo Vadis."

WILLFUL MURDER.

Calgary, N. W. T., March 24.—The verdict of the coroner's jury in the Simpson-Scouten shooting affray was: "That Arthur Simpson came to his death by a bullet willfully discharged from a revolver from the hands of



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DOOMED MAN IS UNCONCERNED.

Winthrop, Man., March 22.—The condemned man, Bullock, who is to hang at Edmonton on Wednesday, evinces no concern at his rapidly approaching end, and has made no reference to it except to say once or twice he was not guilty. He eats well and sleeps soundly, plays cards and checks, and spends a considerable time in reading secular and religious books placed at his disposal. Appeals for commutation of sentence or postponement of execution were made to the highest authorities, but without avail.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.

Albany, N. Y., March 24.—One of the most cold-blooded murders which has ever occurred in this city took place Saturday, when John De Tierre, aged 45, shot and killed his brother William, aged 35. The crime was committed in front of the building of the Albany Card and Paper Company, at 2:10 p.m. William fell to the sidewalk with four bullets in his body, one of which crashed through his brain. The murderer, after killing his brother, calmly placed the revolver back in his pocket. John gave himself up to the police, calmly remarking that he was glad that he killed his brother. The murder today was the culmination of a family feud which has existed for some time. The trouble first arose out of the action of the father, who bequeathed his entire estate to his eldest son, which resulted in a long litigation and ended the feud.

NELLIE'S LOVER LET GO.

Richmond, Va., March 24.—A special from Elizabeth City says that the jury in the case of James Wilcox, charged with the murder of Nellie Crosey, disagreed Saturday morning, eight being for hanging and four for acquittal.

Ellis Maud Crosey, the beautiful daughter of Judge W. H. Crosey, of Elizabeth City, mysteriously disappeared from her home the night of Nov. 20 last, after a stormy interview with the man who was later charged with having caused her death.

For more than two years prior to the night of her disappearance, Wilcox had paid marked attention to Ella Crosey. That night Wilcox spent the evening until 11 o'clock in the parlor of the Crosey home. At the hour named Wilcox invited Ella to accompany him to the door.

That was the last seen of her until her body was found floating in the river. Wilcox was arrested, charged with her murder, and narrowly escaped lynching at the time, public sentiment against him was so bitter.

GOOD HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE without regular action of the bowels. Laxa-Liver Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and sick headache.

According to an Egyptian journal, cottonseed oil as an adulterant of olive oil is soon to find a sturdy rival in the form of the seed of the sunflower.

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, burning and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. See testimonials in the daily press and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if not cured. 60c a box, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & Co., Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Ointment



OUR MILLINERY OPENING

delighted the throngs who were privileged to attend, and many were the high encomiums passed on the magnificent display. If orders taken and sales effected be any criterion of success, then successful beyond all expectations was our opening. It will be continued during

This Week.

You had better at once order your new

Easter Hat.

We guarantee satisfaction, and orders given will have prompt and careful attention. In order to avoid Easter rush we advise making selections early in the week.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Diseases of the Kidneys.

Dr. Albert Wesley Kahle, Specialist in Diseases of the Kidneys, No. 190 Delaware avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., will furnish information free regarding his treatment of Bright's Disease, Catarrh and Diabetes, upon application either in person or writing to the above address.

Notice—Mattress and Feather Bed Cleaning Factory.—New goods; brass and iron bedsteads, from \$4 each; mattress spring beds, goose-feather pillows and feather and down cushions, from 30c up; upholstery and repairing; cosy corner cushions, at Hunt & Sons, 593 Richmond street. Telephone 997.

It Will Pay You to Make Inquiries

As a rule, people want all that's coming to them, and particularly is this the case in the matter of travel, when they would like a little more. The New York Central offers such splendid inducements in the way of train service, etc., any one should be satisfied.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned, in relinquishing control of the Office Restaurant, on Richmond street, desires to return thanks to his friends and those at large for the liberal patronage extended to him, and to solicit on behalf of the new owner, Mr. W. J. Wright, a continuance of the public favor to generously accorded him during the long term of years. Yours respectfully, David Sare.

Exceptional Opportunities.

To visit all points of the Great West for pleasure, education or business.

The Union Pacific has authorized the following excursion rates: Twenty-five dollars from Missouri River points to California, Oregon and Washington points every day during March and April.

Pharmaceutical low rates to the Pacific Coast and intermediate points. Single trip Colonists' tickets open to all during the coming spring and summer.

Special round trip excursion rates will be sold to the Pacific Coast at less than one cent per mile. Choice of routes returning.

People identified with local interests at various points en route will show you every attention. It will be to your advantage to make inquiry in regard to these low rates to the Pacific Coast before deciding on the trip.

Call or address postal card to G. G. Herring, G. A., 126 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.

TEACHERS GOING TO AFRICA.

Toronto, March 24.—The minister of education has chosen five of the eight lady teachers who are to go to South Africa. Their names will not be divulged until the remainder of them are chosen at Ottawa, as the secretary of state does not wish them published until all are about ready to depart.

Besides the eight teachers to be chosen, Mr. Harcourt will hold three in reserve, fearing anyone might back out at the last minute. All of the ladies chosen by the minister of education are proficient in music and hold good teaching positions at present. They all have produced certificates as to their fitness to stand the South African climate.

Catarrh

The best authorities say, is a disease of the blood.

Therefore local applications cannot cure.

Being a constitutional disease it requires a constitutional remedy—Hood's Sarsaparilla.

By thoroughly purifying the blood, this great medicine reduces the inflammation of the mucous membrane and stops all catarrhal discharges of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, bladder and generative organs.

Catarrh is especially dangerous in persons who inherit or have acquired a predisposition to consumption.

In these and all other catarrhal cases, Hood's Sarsaparilla so thoroughly renovates the blood and restores strength and vigor that it permanently cures.

In fact, because of the character of the disease, and the peculiar merit of the remedy, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the common-sense treatment for catarrh.

"I was a sufferer from nasal catarrh, gradually growing worse. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla which completely cured me of that troublesome disease."

MARY DOAN, 1615 Arrow Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Be sure to get

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It is sold everywhere. Prepared by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.

THE MARKETS.

THE LOCAL MARKET.

A. M. HAMILTON & SONS' REPORT.

London, Monday, March 24.

Wheat, white, per bushel, 75c to 75c

Wheat, red, per bushel, 75c to 75c

Wheat, spring, per bushel, 75c to 75c

Oats, per bushel, 42c to 42c

Peas, per bushel, 70c to 70c

Corn, per bushel, 45c to 45c

Barley, per bushel, 55c to 55c

Buckwheat, per bushel, 55c to 55c

The receipts today were very light. No change from Saturday's quotations.

SPELTZ,

The new grain, should be tried by every stockman. For sale at

Hamilton's 373 Talbot St. near King.

TORONTO HAY MARKET.

Toronto, March 22.—Baled Hay.—The market is firm, with good demand.

Timothy, cut, No. 1, at \$10.75 to \$10.75

Timothy, cut, No. 2, at \$9.50 to \$9.50

Timothy, cut, No. 3, at \$8.75 to \$8.75

Timothy, cut, No. 4, at \$8.00 to \$8.00

Timothy, cut, No. 5, at \$7.25 to \$7.25

Timothy, cut, No. 6, at \$6.50 to \$6.50

Timothy, cut, No. 7, at \$5.75 to \$5.75

Timothy, cut, No. 8, at \$5.00 to \$5.00

Timothy, cut, No. 9, at \$4.25 to \$4.25

Timothy, cut, No. 10, at \$3.50 to \$3.50

Timothy, cut, No. 11, at \$2.75 to \$2.75

Timothy, cut, No. 12, at \$2.00 to \$2.00

Timothy, cut, No. 13, at \$1.25 to \$1.25

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DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Butter—Easy; creameries, 20c to 27c; dairies, 19c to 25c.

Cheese—Firm, 13c to 12c. Eggs—Easy; fresh, 14c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Beef—Receipts, 558; dressed beef steady; city dressed native sides, 74c to 10c per lb; ribs last received, estimated at 1.30; steers at 12c to 13c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 10c to 10c per lb; exports, 10c to 10c per lb.

Calves—Receipts, 80; no market of much account; city dressed veals, 8c to 12c per lb; sheep quiet but steady; lambs firm; sheep sold at \$5 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs; culls, \$3 to \$3.50; hogs—Receipts, 1,207; the market was about steady; a few state hogs sold at \$5.75 per 100 lbs.

EAST BUFFALO, March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 14; market quiet; veals a shade easier; best veals, \$8 to \$8.50; light to good, \$5.50 to \$7.50; Hogs—Receipts, 24; double decks, 15c to 25c; highters, 25c to 30c; light to good, \$5.50 to \$7.50; mixed heavy, \$5.50 to \$7.50; pigs, \$5.50 to \$7.50; sheep and lambs—Receipts, 30; cars; lambs easier; sheep and yearlings scarce and firm; choice lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.50; culls, \$3 to \$3.50; sheep, choice handy wethers, \$5.50 to \$6.50; common to choice, \$3 to \$5; mixed export ewes and wethers, \$5.50 to \$6; yearlings, good to choice, all wethers, \$5.50 to \$6.50.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, March 22.—Cattle are unchanged at 12c to 13c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 10c to 10c per lb.

HIDES, SKINS AND TALLOW.

Hides—The local hide market is quiet at unchanged prices. No. 1 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 8c to 10c; No. 2 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 7c to 9c; No. 3 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 6c to 8c; No. 4 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 5c to 7c; No. 5 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 4c to 6c; No. 6 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 3c to 5c; No. 7 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 2c to 4c; No. 8 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 3c; No. 9 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 10 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 11 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 12 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 13 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 14 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 15 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 16 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 17 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 18 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 19 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; No. 20 green steers, 60 lbs and upwards, 1c to 2c; 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DIVISION COURT BUSINESS.

Toronto, March 24.—An increase in business is recorded by the annual report of the inspector of division courts published. The number of suits entered was 25,727, with claims aggregating \$1,451,827, compared with 25,686 and claims of \$1,202,746 in 1920.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, March 22—8 p.m.—Rain has fallen today in Manitoba and over the greater portion of the country the weather has been very mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below-24; Victoria, 35-50; Kamloops, 34-54; Qu'Appelle, 24-42; Winnipeg, 26-40; Port Arthur, 32-38; Parry Sound, 26-54; Toronto, 36-54; Ottawa, 30-50; Montreal, 36-48; Quebec, 30-38; Halifax, 36-48.

Local temperatures: Saturday—Highest 55, lowest 27.5. Sunday—Highest 60, lowest 28.

Today (Monday) the sun rose at 6:14 a.m. and sets at 6:33 p.m. The moon rises at 7:26 p.m. and sets at 6:17 a.m.

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With dances light as dearest wish can find,
And laughter like the mellow rush of rain.
The ripening corn flaunts far across the plain,
Its glorious abundance scarce confined,
And through the lowlands sunny rivers wind,
Thick bordered by the sumac's amber stain.

From this, the loftiest height, the long road runs
Far down the golden hillsides toward the west,
Follows the rapturous journeys of the suns,
And seeks, with them, the purple realms of rest.
But I love best the bright and windy hill,
Where joyous labor holds her empire still.
—Mildred I. McNeal.

—Mr. Thomas Cotton, of West London, left on Saturday last for Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the benefit of his health.

—Dr. McGrady, of Port Arthur, is spending a few days in the city. The doctor speaks in glowing terms of the prospects in New Ontario.

—Rev. Dr. Sowerby's fifth of a series of science talks was given at the men's meeting at the Auditorium yesterday afternoon, his subject being "The Human Eye and God."

—The Tilsonburg News says: Walter A. Thrasher, barrister, of Chatham, will leave for London in a few days to take charge of his new position in the inland revenue. His scores of Tilbury friends were pleased to hear of his appointment. He will grace the office which he has been chosen to fill, and the city of London will have another honorable and worthy man added to its list of citizens.

—New Hamburg Independent: Lieutenant-Colonel Peters, D.O.C., of London, Ont., inspected the local militia companies' headquarters on Wednesday. The principal object of his visit was to inspect the building, to ascertain whether it was free from dampness and a suitable place to store the new Lee-Enfield magazine rifle, and the Oliver equipment, required for a company of 48 men. Col. Peters believes in removing all obstacles in the path of riflemen, who are interested in improving themselves in shooting. He says the building is satisfactory and will order the arms sent here immediately.

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mediately, and urged the members of the local company to practice every day in the week. This is the right man in the right place.

Woodstock Express: Frank Powell, the Chatham man who went crazy at a boarding house on Victoria street, and who conducted himself as a violent lunatic at the jail, was sent to London Friday morning. Powell had almost completely recovered, and had the order from London he would not have been sent. It is probable that a few days in London will completely restore him, in mind and body.

"STROLLERS" WENT THROUGH.

The company presenting "The Strollers," in which Francis Wilson appeared in New York, passed through London yesterday afternoon on the C. P. R. express. They lay off Holy Week in Toronto and appear at the Princess Theater there the following week.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT TWICE.

Fire, which started probably from an engine spark, gave the firemen of No. 3 station a run to a pile of lumber at the rear of the Canada Chemical Works yesterday. The damage was trivial. The firemen were again called out about 7:30 last night to a grass fire on William street, near the C. P. R. Their services were not required.

BADLY BLOCKADED.

Residents of Charlotte street (in the East End) say that that road is in worse condition now than ever before in twenty years. The thoroughfare—or what should be a thoroughfare—is almost impassable for vehicles. Grocers, bakers, butchers and even coal oil men won't drive there, and the residents naturally feel that their complaint should be attended to and the trouble speedily remedied.

GIVEN A GOLD WATCH.

Mr. Karl Wildern, of the Bell Telephone Company, who has been promoted to the position of manager of the Owen Sound branch, was presented

with an inscribed gold watch by the staff of the local office on Saturday. Miss Padfield read a well-worded address, conveying to Mr. Wildern the respect in which he is held by his fellow-employees. Mr. Jos. Dixon made the presentation. Not only his associates, but every one who knows Mr. Wildern, wishes him success in his new field of work.

TWO PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. James McSween, the newly appointed collector of inland revenue at Windsor, on Saturday was the recipient of two very valuable gifts, marks of the esteem in which he is held. A number of Mr. McSween's friends gathered in the office of a business house in the afternoon and presented him with a beautiful watch, with engraved case. Although informal, the event afforded much pleasure to givers and receiver. The second was a set of solid silver cutlery, presented by the board of management and session of St. Andrew's Church, who gathered at Mr. McSween's residence and in a fitting manner made the presentation, expressing at the same time their appreciation of his good work as chairman of the board, a position which he has held for many years, and wished him success at his new post.

NORMAL SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Normal School Literary Society was held in the assembly hall on Friday evening. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. and the public generally had been invited, and the hall was filled. The lengthy programme was first-class throughout and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Mrs. Thornley, of the W. C. T. U., was present and delivered an able address in reply to some questions asked. The following was the remainder of the programme: Selection, by the Glee Club; address, by the president, Mr. Foster; reading, Miss Dale; instrumental solo, Miss Cobleigh; reading, Miss Strongman; impromptu speeches, Messrs. Robinson, McCugan, Dowdell, and Geiger and Misses Bartlett, Watts, Carr, Lyle and Kirk; selection, Harmonica Club; reading, Miss Hodgins; solo, Mr. Blackwell; solo, Miss Williams; club swinging, Misses McColl, Lyle and Dale; piano solo, Miss Yates; reading of the society newspaper, Editor Robinson; selection, Harmonica Club, Miss Daly, of the Normal School, was the accompanist for the evening. A most successful meeting of the society was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

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SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

Magnificent Speech of the Veteran Member for South Oxford, in Reply to Mr. Borden, the Opposition Leader.

Stirring Revelations in Regard to the Methods Employed by the Last Conservative Government in the Taking of Census—Farmers' Interests Must Be Considered in Arranging the Tariff.

Of the men who stood foremost in the public life of Canada 40 years ago, Sir Richard Cartwright is now the sole survivor. Sir Richard gave evidence of great ability very early in his parliamentary career, especially in all matters of commerce and finance; and in making the discussion of these subjects luminous it may fairly be said that he has been excelled by no other man of our time than possibly Mr. Gladstone. When he rose in the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon to follow the leader of the opposition in the budget debate, Sir Richard was in splendid voice and form, and for three hours a full house and crowded galleries listened to him with unabated interest. The main feature of the speech was a discussion of the census, and although there was obviously a large reserve of facts and reasoning, the evidence presented in condemnation of the census of 1891 was overwhelming in mass and force. The speech of Tuesday afternoon showed that in the qualities of a parliamentary debater the Minister of Trade and Commerce is yet in the prime of intellectual clearness, strength and vigor. It also showed that as one of the leaders of the Liberals in Canada he enjoys in an eminent degree the respect and the confidence of his party in parliament.

The Speech.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright) spoke as follows:

Mr. Speaker, it is very pleasant for me on all occasions to welcome old friends back. And when I listened to the honorable gentleman (Mr. Borden, Halifax) and to the terms of the motion which he has placed in my hands, I had only to close my eyes, and five and twenty years rolled away, and his predecessor in that very seat was putting before the house precisely the same idea. (Cheers.)

Some Honorable Members—Hear, hear.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—Let my honorable friends hear me out. I have said, sir, that this was a very old friend. And, most assuredly, no more fitting time could be imagined for the introduction of our old friend to our notice than when the third census that has been taken in Canada since the promulgation of the national policy will give us, as I shall presently show, such an opportunity as we have never had before of seeing what that policy has done for Canada. Now, sir, I am not going to wade through all the weary statistics that afflicted my honorable friend; I am not going to bother myself with the doctrine of averages as defined by himself or anybody else. There is better game afoot. However, in the first place, I would like to know from my honorable friend what are those official statistics, forsooth, which induced him to dispute the assertion of my honorable friend (Mr. Fielding)

who sits beside me that, in all human probability, the growth of Canada during the last five years had been equal to that during the fifteen years preceding. Perhaps my honorable friend would gratify my curiosity.

Mr. Borden (Halifax)—The year-book.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—I am sorry for my honorable friend if that is all the authority he has to adduce. The year-book may be a very valuable document. I will give a few illustrations of what the year-book was worth a little while ago. I remember that this same document—I thought that that was my honorable friend referred to—estimated in 1887, that the population of Canada was 4,856,226. In 1888 the year-book's estimation of the population of Canada was 4,946,497. In 1889 it had risen to 5,057,855. They suppressed 1890 and 1891, but I will carry out the calculation. On the same line of calculation, the year-book would have given us a population of 5,210,000 for 1890, and 5,345,000 for 1891—just ten years ahead of time. (Laughter.) These are the official statistics that the honorable gentleman relied upon for the purpose of contradicting what, I shall show presently, was a very well-reasoned hypothesis on the part of my honorable friend (Mr. Fielding).

TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

There is another matter I would like to call to the attention of the house. I do not know whether the house noticed it, but I did, that whenever the honorable gentleman (Mr. Borden, Halifax) was able to point to anything showing the slightest reduction in our trade with Great Britain, his loyal followers cheered—"Hear, hear," and laughter—and, when he was unable to point to any increase in our trade with the United States his loyal followers cheered more loudly. Let me give the honorable gentleman a few facts as to our trade with Great Britain. We need not follow those microscopic fluctuations on which the honorable gentleman lays so much stress. A large trade will vary one or two points from year to year, no doubt. But what were the facts as to our trade with Great Britain? In 1889 our trade with Great Britain was \$42,277,000, of which we collected a duty of \$9,576,000. In 1897, the last year of the national policy, our trade with Great Britain had fallen to \$29,401,000. In 1901 our trade with Great Britain was \$42,819,000, on which we collected a duty of \$7,845,000. What did our preference do for Great Britain? In eight years, under the national policy, we had lost \$14,000,000 (loud cheers.) And, whereas, under the old tariff on imports of about forty-three and a quarter millions, we collected \$9,576,000 of duty, under our present policy of almost forty-three millions—bear in mind, the merest fraction of a difference—we collected \$7,845,000 of duty, or about \$1,700,000 less duty than was collected on a nearly similar amount of goods imported into Canada in 1889. Or could it be that the fluctuations of the trade are so much affected by the fluctuations of the price of wheat? It has been stated recently—I think the minister of agriculture (Hon. Mr. Fisher) told us the other night—that there had been a fluctuation recently amounting to several millions in the importation of wheat into Great Britain. Under these circumstances what did the present government do? Did it sit down and wait? Not a bit. My honorable friend (Hon. Mr. Fisher) at once held a conference with those who represented the great dairy interests of this country, and they are now applying themselves, as men should do, not to get more protection for the dairy interests, but to enable them to help themselves over the difficulty and restore the cheese interest of Canada to the proud position it has hitherto held in the British market. The honorable member of Halifax (Mr. Borden) thought it a very absurd thing that the honorable minister of finance should intimate that the government had anything to do with the prosperity which, thank heaven, has blessed Canada during the past four years. That is a very new doctrine from those benches. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) When I sat here before and the honorable gentleman's predecessor sat there, was there a day, was there an hour, in which it was not thundered out, much more loudly than my honorable friend (Mr. Borden, Halifax) has done, that a government did not deserve to exist for an hour—this was what was said by Sir Charles Tupper—unless it could bring prosperity to a country. (Cheers.)

Mr. Borden (Halifax)—What did my honorable friend say?

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—This was the doctrine of my honorable friend's predecessors. Does he repudiate Sir Charles Tupper? (Laughter.) Does he say that Sir Charles Tupper was wrong? Does he pretend to say that the great and good Sir Charles Tupper was saying what he did not mean when he said that a government was good for nothing which did not bring prosperity to a country?

Mr. Borden (Halifax)—What did my honorable friend say?

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—I said then, what I say now—that even the best government that ever existed, even a government like Mackenzie's, could not altogether avert a disaster which overtook the whole world, though it could greatly modify it; and that the position of Canada, while Mackenzie was at the head of the administration, compared most favorably with the condition of the adjoining republic, the United States—(loud cheers)—as every man who examined the conditions of the United States from 1873 to 1878 knows right well. That, sir, is what I told the honorable gentleman. Now, it is quite true that the best governments cannot always avert a calamity, but unfortunately the reverse is only too true, that a government can very easily bring about disaster to a country, as I shall presently show the government of the last Conservative administration did. We imported less than \$800,000 worth of goods, and we taxed these imports \$1,350,000. Was not that a fearful discrimination, 170 per cent on the average of goods we imported from Holland? Perhaps my honorable friend thinks that, being pro-Boers, it is all right to punish the Dutch. (Laughter.) Or how does he explain that horrible discrimination against the unfortunate Hollanders? We imported less than \$800,000 worth, and taxed it \$1,350,000. Has my honorable friend any explanation to give?

Mr. Borden (Halifax)—I should say it was gin.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—It is perfectly right, sir, to laugh, and it shows the utter absurdity of applying this same doctrine of averages. Here one single article amounting to about one-fourth of the whole importation is so taxed that it brings the average up to 170 per cent. Yet the honorable gentleman thinks it is quite safe to apply the doctrine of averages as between Canada and Great Britain, and as between Canada and the United States. Now, I will give the honorable gentleman another illustration of the danger of relying on this doctrine of averages. We import from the United States this very moment a very large quantity of anthracite coal and a very large quantity of cotton wool. Suppose my honorable friend here, in the exercise of his discretion, was to place a duty of, let us say 5 per cent, on these articles. What would the result be? Who he would at once lower the average on the importations of American goods from 25 to 50 per cent. Would that be a proof that we discriminated in favor of the United States as against England. (Cheers.) And yet, sir, under these conditions, we should be importing goods from the United States on an average of 20 per cent as against 25 per cent charged against England.

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES.

Sir, the whole comparison that the honorable gentleman has made of the expenditure is vicious to a degree. I hoped better from the honorable gentleman. I hoped he would have had the candor, when he came to compare the expenditure of last year with that of half a dozen years ago, to point out that a very large proportion of our increased expenditure was due to the fact that in the time of his predecessor, and that a very large proportion of our increased expenditure does not cost the people of Canada one cent. It has not cost the people of Canada one cent, collectively, of older times, at any rate, that we spent a million and a half in the Yukon, because we got a million and a half more out of the Yukon. It does not cost them one cent to sink a fund that we did in 1896, when we came out of one pocket goes into the other. If my honorable friend, the Minister of Railways and Canals asks us for six millions for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Intercolonial railway, he brings back nearly, though not quite, six millions to us in the increased receipts, without costing the people of Canada a penny. I beg the honorable gentleman to remember that the Yukon, which is an equilibrium as the predecessors of the honorable gentleman ever got. Now, sir, if he allows nothing for that, he won't allow anything for sinking fund, we won't allow anything for expenditure on the Yukon, he won't allow anything for increased receipts from the railway, he won't allow anything for increased receipts from the postoffice. My honorable friend the postmaster-general, I believe, is spending about \$300,000, in round numbers, more than was spent in 1895. But my honorable friend is getting back \$500,000 more. The deficit is very considerably less now than the deficit was then; and the people of Canada, sir, have received, under my honorable friend's administration, the advantage that they can send a letter to two cents from one end of the British Empire to the other, which used to cost them five cents; and they can send a letter from one end of the Dominion to the other for two cents which used to cost them three cents. (Cheers.) In other words, they are being charged very little more than one-half what they were charged

ed a few years ago. The burden of the people has been lessened to the extent of one million dollars, but no credit is to be given, of course, to this government for anything of that kind. Why, sir, will take this honorable gentleman's mode of calculating and computing the average expenditure. We will suppose, for illustration's sake, that the railways were earning twenty-five millions, and that the government was expending twenty million dollars upon them. Under these conditions, if he were to apply the line of argument used by the honorable gentleman, the people of Canada would be four dollars per head worse off than they were before; the expenditure per head would be about fourteen dollars instead of ten dollars under those circumstances, and we would be, I suppose, just so much worse off.

CAPITAL AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Now, the honorable gentleman must needs mix and muddle up capital and ordinary expenditure. This is always indiscreet and always leads to confusion. They must be judged by different canons and different principles and he would have done far better to confine himself to the ordinary expenditure. Sir, I am willing to meet the honorable gentleman on their own ground. I will take a parallel case. He was appalled just before by the honorable friend's expenditure of \$57,000,000, and was in danger of spending \$65,000,000 for all purposes during the next year. Sir, I turn to the public records which I have under my hand and I find that in 1884 this honorable gentleman's predecessors found it necessary to expend \$7,800,000; in 1885 they found it necessary to expend \$48,165,000; in 1886—let the honorable gentleman mark it—they were obliged to spend \$61,837,000. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Sir, what population? The population of Canada in 1884-85-86 amounted roughly to about 4,450,000 to 4,500,000 souls. Now, sir, if it is such a terrible thing for us to expend \$57,000,000, or even \$65,000,000, on this honorable gentleman declares, it is so terrible a thing that the gross total expenditure of Canada for all purposes, good, bad or indifferent, whether productive or unproductive, should range to a sum of \$100,000,000. I am always willing to oblige them. (Laughter.) Sir, let us look at the broad facts of the case. We find that the broad facts of the case are these: In 1885, as he can see by looking at the public records, our total expenditure was \$38,138,000. Our population, taking his own estimate, which I do not concur in for reasons I will give later, was about five millions. Now, in 1901 it is quite true that our expenditure was \$57,000,000, but of that sum \$5,000,000 represented cross entries, sums which we received with one hand and which we paid out with the other; sums for sinking fund, sums for postoffice, sums for Yukon Territory, sums for the railway and paid out again in wages on the railway.

Strike, as I have a right to strike, this \$5,000,000 out, and then apply your per capita calculation. What is the result? \$52,000,000 per head in 1895, \$52,000,000 per head in 1896, \$52,000,000 per head in 1897, \$52,000,000 per head in 1898, \$52,000,000 per head in 1899, \$52,000,000 per head in 1900, \$52,000,000 per head in 1901. We required three of those cents, with the full concurrence of honorable gentlemen opposite, to pay our extra indemnity last year. (Laughter.) We required four cents of the balance, making up the balance of that seven cents, to meet the necessary expense incurred by my honorable friend the Minister of Customs in collecting nearly double the revenue we had in 1895. I ask the honorable gentleman, does he consider that the people of Canada are any poorer with the addition of this \$5,000,000 for the purposes that I have enumerated, or, do any of the honorable gentleman's friends consider that the people of Canada are any poorer on that account, or that it should be fairly counted as a part of the taxation to be held against us, in stating as he did the fact that we spent \$40,000,000 more than our predecessors? I have not the time, but I would like to go over the \$3,000,000 of difference between the \$46,000,000 and the \$43,000,000, deducting the \$5,000,000 that we received, and I think if the honorable gentleman or any of our friends choose to go over that in detail they will see that for that additional sum that was expended by us during these five or seven years the people have received ample returns. A certain portion of that was expended for the benefit of the agricultural community, and they have received, I venture to say, from ten to twenty per cent of the benefit of their productions from the annual expenditure which was made for the purpose of promoting their interests under the administration of my honorable friend the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Mr. Fisher). Another considerable portion of that expenditure was for the purpose of promoting and increasing immigration to this country, one of the most desirable objects in a country like Canada, which we can possibly expend our money. Yet another part, with the full concurrence and approbation of those honorable gentlemen who are constantly pressing us, forsooth, to spend more money in the direction, was expended for the purpose of putting our militia on a more efficient footing. And so, I might go on through the whole of it. The honorable gentleman has not chosen to do it. Possibly the honorable gentleman, considering that neither he nor his friends ventured to oppose these expenditures on the floor of the House, could not with much decency criticise them on the present occasion.

As the capital expenditure, that I say, is entirely on another footing. It must be judged by itself, because it may be productive, or it may be unproductive. If it be not productive it is the honorable gentleman's duty, and it is the duty of his friends behind him, to criticise any proposition we make, and I invite him most cordially to do so. It is all very well to say that because we have added a few million dollars to the public debt we are open to criticism. It is for the honorable gentleman to show that this expenditure will not be profitable. An addition of \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 may be a most useful and productive outlay, while, on the other hand, an expenditure of half a million to the public debt may be most useless and mischievous. You must judge each case on its individual merits.

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viewed merits. We are all prepared, and the honorable Minister of Public Works (Mr. Tarte) is prepared, to challenge the sharpest criticism as to any amounts we have added to the public debt for the purpose of public improvements, or as to a considerable portion of it which was for the purpose of aiding the empire in an important crisis, because it is well known that a very considerable portion of the addition to the public debt was incurred by the gift we made to England to help her in her South Africa difficulty. (Loud cheers.) I must say that I did hope for rather better things from the honorable leader of the Opposition who is a lawyer, and a lawyer of repute. I thought that he would have embraced this opportunity to make something like a discriminating review of these expenditures. I expected that making due allowance for the circumstances I have referred to, that recognizing the facts as I have stated, that admitting that it was not fair to charge us with those large sums which came into one pocket as public debt, for the purpose of the other, that admitting what he has not allowed to in the slightest degree, that within the last four years there has been a marked increase in the cost of living and a marked increase in the price of wages all through the Dominion, necessarily involving a large increase in the cost of carrying on public works, that allowing that there is an increase of population under our regime to be accounted for, and that allowing that there is a growing time in a period of great expansion, if, then, he had any criticism to make, if he thought there had been improvidence and extravagance, my honorable friend might have done a great service to this country by pointing it out. I, myself, desire to say that I think the time has come when we should proceed more cautiously, when we must consider very fully what further large expenditures we commit ourselves to, and I think that in that respect the Opposition, if they choose to do their duty, may be of considerable use to us.

PROGRESS OF CANADIAN TRADE.

The honorable gentleman talks very lightly, and rather flippantly, I think, of the progress of Canadian trade. I do not take quite the same view as the honorable gentleman does. I do not regard it as being a matter of indifference that our Canadian imports and Canadian exports should expand in a ratio hitherto unknown in this country. I have here a rather interesting table showing the total trade of Canada, the imports and exports, as compared with the trade of Australasia, the trade of the United States, the trade of Great Britain, the trade of Germany, I will give the House a few extracts from that which are worth considering. Our total imports per capita in 1890 amounted to about \$24. In 1895 they were \$22, per capita, and in 1900 they had risen to \$36.

An Honorable Member—Hear, hear.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—The honorable gentleman dislikes to hear that Canada's imports have increased. I differ from him. I take issue with him and with all those other honorable gentlemen. I am glad to hear that Canada's imports have increased, and I am glad to hear that Canada's exports have increased. (Hear, hear.) I think, if he does not, that if we wish to sell we must also buy. In 1890 our exports amounted to \$19 per capita, in 1895 they had risen to \$22, while in 1900 they had risen to \$36, or nearly double within the period of ten years, and they have largely increased within the period of four years that I have alluded to. How does this compare with the trade of the other countries which I have mentioned during the corresponding period? In Australasia imports remained stationary and exports increased at a vastly less ratio than ours. Our rose from \$19 to \$36, while theirs rose from \$45 to \$59 per capita. In the case of the United States I find that they began in 1890 with \$13 per capita, that in 1895 they had risen to about \$12, and that in 1900 the per capita exports of the United States had risen to \$19. That is to say that they were just exactly in the position in which we held ourselves ten years ago—(cheers)—and at this present moment are very little more than half per head in their export trade of that which the people of Canada possess. (Cheers.)

I take the total volume of trade. In 1890 it amounted to \$44 per head; in 1895 it amounted to the same; in 1900 it had risen to \$71 per head. And how does this compare with our neighbors to the south? In 1890 it was \$26 per head in the United States; in 1895 it was \$23 per head in the United States, and in 1890 their total volume of trade amounted to \$29 per head; very little more than one-third per head as against the people of Canada possess. (Cheers.) I have not time to go through all these figures, but I will give the House the general result. Of all countries—and several of them, as you know, are in the very van of progress in all ways—of all countries, Australia, the United States, Great Britain, Belgium, France and Germany, Canada has increased at all points; increased in her imports, increased in her exports, increased in her total volume of trade, in a far greater ratio than the best of the others—not by any means excepting Great Britain. (Loud cheers.)

Our volume of trade compares with Great Britain, as follows: In 1890 we had \$44 per head; in 1890 Great Britain had \$97 per head. In 1890 we had \$71 per head; we had increased in the ratio of about 60 per cent, and Great Britain had \$104 per head, having increased in the ratio of about 7 per cent. I commend these figures to my honorable friends opposite. They ought to do them good, but I am afraid they won't do them good so long as they continue in their hidebound state of observance of old-fashioned principles of taxation. (Laughter.)

THE PROBLEM OF TARIFF MAKING.

Now, sir, this tariff-making which the honorable gentleman (Mr. Borden, Halifax) is engaged in is no doubt a very interesting problem. Perhaps he will pardon me for giving him a few hints. I am an older man than he is; I have a little more experience in the trade. I think I can give him a few hints even in the art of making a tariff to suit a protective community. Would it surprise my honorable friend (Mr. Borden, Halifax) very much to know that it would be a very easy matter indeed to make a tariff which should be at once and the same time a most highly protective tariff and yet under which the average duty on all imports would be very low indeed? Would it surprise him to hear that? Would he like to know how it is done—(laughter)—it may be useful to him? Would it surprise him to know that it would be equally easy to double, to treble, and to quadruple the actual taxation of the people of this country and at the same time to reduce their

nominal taxation to one-half or one-third of what it now is? Would it surprise him to know that? Would it surprise him very much to know that it would be an easy matter—and he is on the high road to it—to frame a tariff under which the people of Canada should be taxed \$60,000,000 a year, and under which \$20,000,000 would go into the treasury and \$40,000,000 would be put into the pockets of a few favored interests—(cheers and laughter)—and from whom in good times a campaign fund might be levied as in the old days to keep the honorable gentlemen in power?

Some Honorable Members—Hear, hear.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—If the honorable gentleman (Mr. Borden, Halifax) does not know that, I will be very pleased to give him a few lessons in these three matters at any time he likes. Here you have the protective practice and the protective theory in a nutshell. What I have suggested is not only a mere matter of academic possibility, but it is what is being done today in the United States, which the honorable gentleman has been holding up to us doing the other part of his speech as such a model of protection. I have very great respect for the memory of the late Mr. McKinley. I had the pleasure of making his acquaintance, and I very greatly honor Mr. McKinley in many respects; but he was not the sort of person whom I would advise a Canadian legislator to look up to as a model of all that was wise and prudent and successful in economic questions. The honorable gentleman (Mr. Borden, Halifax) is disposed to follow Mr. McKinley. I have no objection to that. The first time that we have found this gentleman hiding a very strong appreciation of American political methods and of American political designs under the guise of an earnest desire to keep up British connection. (Cheers and laughter.)

A WORD TO MANUFACTURING FRIENDS.

Now, sir, while I am on this subject, I would like to say a word to our manufacturing friends. I understand that many of them were pleased to regard me as their particular enemy.

Well, sir, I have no desire to quarrel with the manufacturers of Canada. I desire to do justice to them as I desire to do justice to all classes of my fellow-countrymen. (Hear, hear.) But I would like to say a few words to these gentlemen. Sir John Macdonald has in the habit very frequently of calling attention to a certain epithet which he said he had seen in a grave yard, to the effect:

"I was well, I would be better, here I am."

Now, sir, I would advise our manufacturing friends to lay this to heart.

Some Honorable Members—Hear, hear.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—I say that this Government has treated them with the greatest consideration. I say that this Government used all possible care to see that their interests—not alone, mind you, but in common with the interests of the rest of the people—were safeguarded in the preparation of our present tariff. And in any alterations that may be made in the tariff, whatever line they may be pleased to take, I for one will never advise that injustice be done to the manufacturers or done to anybody. But I have got to say to them, that they have had most uncommonly good fortune and most uncommonly good times. If they have used these well they ought to be most admirably prepared today to meet any reverses which may happen to overtake them, as reverses may overtake them, as reverses may overtake all classes of the community. I hope they have used their opportunities well. But, I do not believe that the way to really advance their interests is to impose higher taxes for their benefit on the rest of the community.

PROTECTION FOR THE FARMER.

If we are to have protection, I have this to say to the honorable gentleman (Mr. Borden, Halifax), I may tell him that we will see that that protection will be thorough. We do not want any more of the jagged-handed, one-sided kind of protection which prevailed under the late administration. There are other classes to be heard. I have the honor to represent one of the richest, wealthiest, and most independent agricultural communities in the Province of Ontario, and I can tell the honorable gentleman that the farmers of Ontario—and the farmers, I think, of Canada at large—are not disposed, if this protective question is to come to the front again, they are not disposed any more to be content with the sort of sham protection that was awarded to them before.

Some Honorable Members—Hear, hear.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—Sir, you cannot protect the farmers of Canada or of the Northwest. You cannot protect them who raise a vast deal more of food products than they can possibly dispose of in the home market; and the price of whose food products is fixed for them in England and in London. (Hear, hear.) You cannot protect them by any paltry fence of a tariff that you may put up against importations of food from the United States. There is but one way in which the farmer, if you are going to have protection, can have it. Again, I make a present to the honorable gentleman—as he appears to be desirous to protect all interests—of the way in which it ought to be done. That way is simple enough. You cannot protect the farmer, as I say, by putting up a higher tariff fence; you can protect the farmer, if you like, by giving him a bounty on all that he raises. If you are going to have protection let it be thorough; let the farmer have protection on every bushel of grain he raises; let him have protection on every pound of butter, every pound of cheese, every horse, every cow, every hog, that he brings to maturity. (Cheers and laughter.) Has he not the right? Has he not as good a right as the manufacturer, the fisherman, the lumberman, the miner? Are not the farmers men on whose prosperity the prosperity of all depends—the prosperity of the professional man, the prosperity of all kinds of classes in Canada? And, therefore, I say, that if we are to have protection, by all manner of means let it be thorough, and let us begin, and let the honorable gentleman begin, by introducing a proper scale of protection in the only way it can be given, namely, by giving a cash bounty down on the nail to our farmers for all they may be pleased to produce. (Hear, hear.)

I admit that it will cost a trifle. Our farmers are not greedy. They do not want 25 per cent, they do not want 40



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• six o'clock, and as I have a good

more to say on this subject, and I cannot possibly conclude by that time, I will ask you, Mr. Speaker, to call it six o'clock. (Loud and continued applause.)

THE HOUSE TOOK RECESS.

SPEAKING AFTER RECESS.
—Mr. Speaker, when the House rose, I had been pointing out the extraordinary discrepancies which had occurred between the census returns of 1891, for the Province of Ontario, I think that both sides of the House will probably agree with me in this: That when you find that the municipal census of Ontario in the organized districts shows some 70,000, or nearly 70,000, more population than the Government census does, and when you find that the population of 40,000 families has resulted in the addition of nearly \$5,000 to the population of Ontario in ten years; I think that both sides of the House will agree with me in believing that a prima facie case has been made out that there has been a gross error in either the census of 1891 or the census of 1891. So far I shall probably get the assent even of honorable gentlemen on the other side. As to the default of the enumerators of 1891 or the default of the enumerators of 1901 may be a question. For myself, while I entertain no doubt of the main fact, that is to say, between the two censuses of 1891 and 1901, Ontario, and while I think that the presumption is very strong indeed that the error arose on the part of the enumerators in 1891, I am quite willing to admit that that is a fair subject for argument.

CONFIRMATORY EVIDENCE.
I have a few points to bring before the House in that connection before I proceed to the other divisions of Canada. It came to my knowledge between 1891 and 1891 that the exodus from Ontario had been enormous. I will give the House three cases all within my own personal knowledge which go to show how very widespread that exodus was. In 1897, or 1898, I made inquiries from the editor of a newspaper which had a considerable circulation in Western Ontario, and that gentleman informed me that in the three or four years preceding, 3,000 subscribers to his weekly list had sent him other addresses in the United States. That is to say that they had left Canada and had gone to the United States. I made inquiries with regard to the movement of the population in several small towns, and I remember that in all these a very considerable number of persons were reported within the three or four preceding years to have gone to the United States. I recollect in one small town alone, in the constituency I then represented, a town not having a population of more than 1,200 in 1891, as many as 170 persons were reported to me, names given, to have returned to the United States within the three preceding years. I had another curious illustration of the movement of emigration from Ontario. For certain reasons of state, I was obliged to exercise a rather strict supervision over a certain election contest which took place in the early part of 1891 between one Alexander Gunn and one John Alexander Macdonald. The total vote polled on that occasion was a little over 3,000, and I remember that every vote was polled that could be polled. Of that 3,000 we found that 400 voters in the city of Kingston had been brought from the United States at no inconsiderable expense to the candidates. I have also shown the extraordinary fraud which had been committed by the census enumerators of 1891 in the way of stuffing the returns with the matter of industries to be credited to the national policy, and I want the House to understand distinctly that the instances I gave were only single instances out of many more. For days and for weeks in this House, as those who were then members will recollect, it was a constant practice to compel the finance minister of that day, much against his will, to answer certain questions with respect to the various

industries which the enumerators had discovered throughout the Province of Ontario and elsewhere. I doubt if there was a single village in that province containing 500 or 600 people in which these ingenious persons did not discover at least 40 or 50 industrial establishments of various kinds. They are on record; there is no mistake about it; the Hansard is there to testify to this date to the remarkable industry which these enumerators displayed. There was not a blacksmith, there was not an artisan, there was not a carpenter throughout the Province of Ontario, I verily believe, who was not put down as an industrial establishment whether the thing was run by himself or run by himself and his boy combined. I say that all these things together, coupled with the fact that the government on which I lay very considerable stress in absolutely refusing their aid to an investigation when charges of gross fraud were preferred by members standing in their place in parliament—I say that all these things go to constitute a very strong prima facie case against the good faith of the enumerators of 1891. However I admit there is room for argument, only I further call attention to the fact that at that particular moment the Conservative party was in a very deplorable plight, a kind of plight which would tempt and almost excuse strong party men—and we know very well that the census enumerators were strong party men—and otherwise have hesitated to do for the benefit of their party; and that it would have been the highest degree for the benefit of their party to make the Ontario lists appear larger than they actually were, any man who remembers the condition of things in the spring of 1891 cannot presume to doubt. (Cheers.)

INVESTIGATION OF CENSUS FRAUDS IN ONTARIO

The emigration from Ontario is peculiar in some respects. It was not, as I understand the emigration from Quebec is or was, largely composed of individuals, generally young men or young women from particular families, and under the de jure system which prevailed then and which has prevailed since, there was a great opportunity given to any enumerators to judge for themselves as to the number of persons to include people who had left Canada for many years, as I believe the enumerators did to a very great extent. Beyond all that—although the authorities in our way are very strong and although the expense at this distant time of ascertaining the facts are almost prohibitory—the Minister of Agriculture at my instance did cause some of the investigation to be made. It will be for the House later on to say whether it is or it is not desirable that a commission should issue to inquire further into this matter. It is of quite sufficient importance I think to make it worthy of consideration, speaking for myself alone of course. The honorable Minister of Agriculture, when he was in the case of several towns, notably in the case of Goderich, notably in the case of Clinton, notably in the case of Simcoe, notably in the case of Cornwall, he found that there were a considerable number of instances in which evident frauds had been committed. As I say, the difficulties in his way are very great. The total number of the frauds which he has discovered is probably insignificant compared with the number that were actually committed, but enough have been discovered—I think that the reports are in the way of my honorable friend, and I have no doubt he will be only too ready to lay them on the table of the House—to show conclusively that there is good prima facie case against the returns of 1891 for the Province of Ontario were grossly stuffed.

Mr. Sproule—Would the honorable gentleman tell us the newspaper which he said had gone to the United States?

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—The weekly list of 1891, I think, is the London Advertiser.

Mr. Hughes (Victoria)—It never had 9,000 subscribers.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce—The weekly list of 1891, I think, is the London Advertiser.

THE PAROCHIAL CENSUS OF QUEBEC.
No, sir, I come to another and a still more important phase of this question. As I have said, in Ontario, where I think the evidence is conclusive that there has been a grave miscount, the evidence as to the date at which that miscount took place is necessarily somewhat imperfect. I can only go on circumstantial evidence, and the presumption is that it is in the sister Province of Quebec we stand on much firmer ground. Every honorable gentleman who knows anything of the census of that Province is aware that in that province the parochial clergy every year make a very accurate census of all their parishioners, and of all the families and people within their cure. From the nature of the case that census is much more strictly accurate where the population is chiefly Catholic and French than where it is chiefly English and English. It is a census the fairness of which no one on either side of the House will, I think, dispute. (Cheers.) I invite the special attention of the House to lay before them facts which I am about to lay before them with regard to the Province of Quebec. I have here a report carefully made by a chief officer of the census, Mr. Combe, in which he states that the difference between the parochial census taken in 1891 and the government census of that year, and the results are very extraordinary.

THE RESULTS ARE VERY EXTRAORDINARY.
In the county of Bagot the government census discovered 2,743 more people than the parochial investigators had been able to find three months before. (Cheers.) In the county of Bellechasse it discovered 1,051 more people—(Hear, hear)—in Berthier, 3,432 more—(Hear, hear)—in Champlain, 2,220 more; in Dorchester, 608 more; in Iberville, 2,990 more; in Joliette, 3,517 more; in Kamouraska, 2,903 more; in Massonnet, 1,223 more; in L'Islet, 1,008 more; in Lotbinière, 1,191 more; in Montmagny, 2,770 more; in Montmagny, 1,157 more; in Montmorency, 421 more; in Nicolet, 2,635 more; in Portneuf, 968 more; in Richelieu, 3,155 more; in Rimouski, 3,783 more; in Rouville, 3,123 more; in Saint-Jovite, 1,134 more. (Cheers.) The above statement shows that the enumerators in 1891 raised 21,211 more names than were recorded three months previous to the census by the parish priests. (Cheers.) I am willing to admit that there will always be a slight discrepancy between such a census and the census taken by the government enumerators. I believe the parish priests do not enumerate those who are absent at the time, and there are some other slight differences; but our census of 1901 corresponds with these parochial censuses within 8,000 souls. (Cheers.) Therefore I say that these statements prima facie afford the clearest proof that can well be laid before the House of this distance of time that in these 21 counties of the Province of Quebec the lists were stuffed

in 1891 to the extent of at least 22,000 souls. (Cheers.) Sir, that is by no means all. It is not to be supposed that this occurred in 21 districts only. There is evidence, and good evidence, as this honorable gentleman will have to admit, that not merely in these 21 counties, but in many others—I cannot say whether in all of the 65 counties into which Quebec is divided, but in many others, the same thing was perpetrated. I have here a report of two subdivisions in the city of Montreal. That report shows that in these two subdivisions only the census was over-full by 1,093 persons. There were in the city of Montreal in 1891 125 enumerators for 125 subdivisions. I do not at all pretend to say that the fictitious entries in the others were in the least degree as large as they were in these; but if there were in two subdivisions of Montreal fictitious entries to the extent of 1,093, the House can judge for itself how likely it would be that other districts would escape scot-free. (Cheers.)

As this is a matter of more than trifling importance, I have obtained by the kind permission of my friend the Minister of Agriculture, more ample returns regarding the Province of Quebec, which I shall proceed to read—this would take too long a time—to lay on the table. (Loud cheers.) Some of them, I observe, are in French, and it will be no doubt a pleasing task for some of the honorable gentlemen opposite of that persuasion—there are not many of them—to translate for the benefit of their English colleagues. These are the returns for Bagot; these are the returns for Beauport; these for Berthier; these for Bonaventure; these for Bellechasse; these for Châteauguay; these for Champlain; these for Charlevoix; these for Chicoutimi; these for Dorchester; these for Gaspé. The honorable gentleman will observe that these are the returns for one of the most interesting one for Joliette; this for Kamouraska; this for L'Assomption; this for Labelle; L'Apparition; Laval; Lévis; Les Éboulements; Les Éboulements; Montmorency; the city of Montreal; Nicolet; Portneuf; Richelieu; St. Jean D'Iberville; Temiscouata. (Cheers.)

I have here Mr. Cote's documents, which I lay on the table, being desirous to furnish every information to honorable gentlemen.

GRAVE MISCOUNT IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO.

It is utterly impossible to compute the total extent of the frauds that were committed in Quebec, but I do not think anybody will say that I am exaggerating when, after examining the evidence that I have laid on the table, I say there is every reasonable ground for believing at least 50,000 or 60,000 souls were improperly counted in Quebec in the census of 1891. In Ontario, as I have pointed out, I believe there was a grave miscount. I have given my reason for thinking that that miscount occurred in 1891, and it will be for the House to judge for themselves how far those reasons are entitled to credit. But I think this much is clear. There was a very large overcount in 1891, and strong probabilities that the same evidence which the Minister of Militia produced with respect to the Maritime Provinces, and which was in no way contradicted—that at least from 25,000 to 30,000 persons were wrongly counted in the Maritime Provinces in 1891, who consequently ought to be added to the census of 1901. Because it is tolerably plain to me that the enumerators of 1891 were every one improperly counted in 1891, we in 1901 are losing one. It does not very much matter to my main argument whether the census of 1891 was an over-count in 1901 or an under-count in 1891. The main result would be the same, namely, that there has been a very much larger increase in the census returns in 1891 and 1901 taken together would appear to indicate. (Cheers.)

GROWTH IN THE LAST DECADE.

Now, I return to another not unimportant but comparatively insignificant matter. That is the question as to how far the increase which did take place in the last decade took place between 1891 and 1896, or 1896 and 1901. Here I must appeal to the common sense of the House. From 1891 to 1896 everybody knows—and no men were more ready to admit it than the assessors of those honorable gentlemen—that Canada was laboring under a period of great depression, a period of deficits, of reduction of trade—just the period during which many men would be sure to leave the country, and very few who came in would be likely to stay. That is a patent fact, and it is equally well known that from 1896 to 1901 Canada, as a whole, enjoyed a most unusual amount of prosperity. It is also well known that there has been a great increase in the census which has taken place in Canada in the last four or five years. The evidence from the Province of Quebec and the evidence from the Maritime Provinces of the North-west, and the evidence from the Province of Ontario, all go to show that the increase in the census was very much greater in the last five years than in the first five years. The assessors' census for 1891 gave 170,951 as the population of Toronto. In 1896 it gave that population as 183,815, showing an increase in five years of just 7,000 souls. That same

THE ASSESSORS' RETURN FOR TORONTO.

That is an interesting document. The assessors, as you know, take a yearly census in the good city of Toronto. Let me read to the House without dictating on it the details, the result of the assessors' census in the city of Toronto, because it bears pretty strongly on the point which the Minister of Finance made, that there was a strong probability, to say the least, that the increase in the last five years of the decade was very much greater than in the first five years. The assessors' census for 1891 gave 170,951 as the population of Toronto. In 1896 it gave that population as 183,815, showing an increase in five years of just 7,000 souls. That same

assessors' census in 1901 gave the population as 205,887, being an increase of 23,000 souls, in round numbers, as against 7,000 in 1896. And these figures are not merely evidence for the Province of Ontario, but they are pretty clear evidence as to the movement of population in the good city of Toronto. I have been at pains to secure a list of the vacant buildings in Toronto during that period. In 1894 there were 4,633 buildings vacant. Let me read the list:

In 1894	4,633
In 1895	3,990
In 1896	4,014
In 1897	2,514
In 1898	2,672
In 1899	1,761
In 1900	676

I submit, with all respect that this is tolerably clear evidence, quo ad Toronto at any rate, of the truth of the Minister's assertion, that the population increased a great deal more rapidly in our regime from 1896 to 1901 than it did from 1891 to 1896. (Cheers.)

GAINS OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Now, if honorable gentlemen opposite admit—I do not ask them to admit, but if they are disposed, as my friends on this side are disposed, to admit—that I have made out a prima facie case for believing that there was an over count of 125,000 or 150,000 in the census of 1891, what follows? Why, this follows, that in the ten years ending with 1891, the increased population was just about 350,000. And this further follows that, in the ten years from 1891 to 1901, the increase of population was 400,000. And if I am correct in my opinion that, after 1891, the exodus was materially checked—I do not say abolished altogether—and if I am correct in the future statement which I am making, and for which I will give some further evidence presently, that from 1896 to 1897, the great bulk of the immigrants who came to this country remained in this country, then, sir, I say it is not very unlikely, on the contrary, that the very strongest ground for believing, that, after 1896, Canada gained at the rate of 100,000 a year. (Cheers.) After that would be a very small matter. It would merely mean that we reduced the exodus from 60,000 to 25,000, and added 50,000 by immigration to our population. And if that be so, if we added for five years—and all the evidence points that way—100,000 a year to our population, and if you admit that the census of 1891 was an over-count in 1891, then, everything I stated is proven to the letter, and the growth the last five years is shown to be fully equal to the growth of the preceding fifteen years. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

GROWING VOLUME OF IMMIGRATION.

This matter of the growing immigration of Canada is one that has attracted a good deal of attention. It was my painful duty some years ago, standing in the place at present occupied by the leader of the Opposition, to call the attention of the House and the country to the very remarkable fact, that whereas our immigration returns as published by the late Government showed an immigration to Canada in the ten years from 1871 to 1891 of 886,000 persons, the census returns, making every allowance for the loss by death of the foreign-born population, only showed 150,000, or 165,000, in the ten years from 1891 to 1901. As I have said, it is interesting to trace the movement of population in the Northwest upon which so much depends. I have here the Department of Agriculture, for the number of immigrants that came to Canada from 1897 to 1900. I find that the total number of immigrants in 1897 was 20,742; in 1898 the number had risen to 44,506; in 1899 they numbered 44,827; and for the fiscal year 1900-1, they numbered 49,419—although I apprehend that in these two years there was some overlapping. At any rate the total in these five years would amount to 164,000. I find that in 1897 there were 15,000 immigrants from the United States reported themselves in Canada; in 1898 the number of these Americans coming was 11,119; in 1899 the number was 11,165; in 1900 there was 15,500; and in the fiscal year 1900-1 there were 17,987. (Cheers.) If these remained here, there is not much need to add further evidence to show the very strong probability to say the least of it, that our population has increased 500,000 in the last five years. What is the ground for holding that probably at least the number of people in Canada is increasing? I have here a very interesting statement showing the number of acres sold by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the number of acres sold by the other railways and other landowners in Manitoba and the Northwest. I invite the attention of the House to these figures. I drop the old figures. In 1894, they sold 68,609 acres; in 1895, 114,009 acres; and in 1896, 108,000 acres. This was a total of 411,000. In 1898, these same companies sold of their own land 448,000 acres; and in 1899, in good deal more in that one year than had been sold in the four years that I have just enumerated. In 1899, they sold 162,000 acres; in 1900 they sold 168,000 acres; and in 1901, they sold 621,000 acres. (Renewed cheers.) Thus, in the four years from 1894 to 1896, both inclusive, these companies sold to settlers 2,180,000 acres. (Cheers.) I think that is tolerably good presumptive evidence that the number of immigrants that came to Canada under our regime remained here. This is further confirmed by the information we have been able to obtain from various agents scattered throughout the Northwest Territories. But there is another little evidence in the same direction. I have here a statement showing the number of homesteads, leaving out the canceled homesteads, the number was as follows:

1893	2,493
1894	1,926
1895	1,419
1896	1,334
Total for four years	7,272
1898	3,776
1899	5,504
1900	7,012
1901	8,136
Total for four years	24,588

Now, that may not be direct evidence, but I submit that it is very strong circumstantial evidence in proof of the very important statement that we have been increasing our population in vastly greater ratio than we did during the first five years of this decade. (Loud cheers.)

Sir, it appears to me that in all that there is good promise for the future. And it appears to me there is good promise on this one condition, that we steer clear of former errors and that Canada in the future does not do as she did in the past, go phillandering in the Vulgate as a stronger word—(A laugh.) Sir, our law have been tremendous, our progress may be tremendous if we only will condescend to learn where our real

strength is, and where the future of Canada properly lies.

GRAVITY OF THE EXODUS.

I would like to say a good deal on two or three other points of interest connected with this census. I would like to say something about the distribution of our rural and urban population. I might have a word or two to say on the delicate question of the exodus that we are giving to our people. But I pause. I must pass over these subjects, because I have to deal with another and also very interesting portion of the subject, and that is the question of the causes of this exodus. I have pointed out how grave the exodus was; I have shown you that in all human probability, of our own blood we have lost about a million and a half within twenty years. And mind you, that statement, formidable as it is, is simply corroborated by the experience of other countries in similar condition to our own. Now, sir, a question of the gravest moment, one which is the very reverse of an academic question, is whether that was due to causes which were beyond our control, or whether that enormous exodus was due to preventable causes. If due to causes beyond our control, there is nothing more to be said; if due to causes which can or should have been prevented, it demands our utmost strength and energy to prevent this fatal drain on our resources from continuing.

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Now, think for a moment what that would have meant to Canada. Winnipeg today would have been a worthy rival to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Our provinces, and they are equally fertile, quite as good as the states that I have mentioned, would never have feared to enter into competition with Dakota and Minnesota. Sir Charles Tupper's vision of 600,000 bushels there might very well have been a reality. The great agricultural never could have been under his management—but it might have been if Manitoba had been left to the management of the late Mr. Mackenzie. But there was a more exact way, and that was pointed out to me by a gentleman who has been in the land booms might have been used to the advantage of that province. It was pointed out in this House that had

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half a league or more from their nearest neighbor. I recollect at the time there were a number of Yankee capitalists, perfectly well acquainted with what had been going on in Dakota and Minnesota, who would have been only too happy to furnish the money for the purpose of constructing these railroads. But they were refused admittance, they were driven out, literally, they were pitchforked out, and what were the results? Why, we lost the whole of these magnificent lands, years as I may call them, from 1873 to 1885. I am within the mark when I say that 20,000 settlers in Southern Manitoba alone were expelled from Manitoba and obliged to take refuge in Dakota and Minnesota by reason of the fiscal policy of the Government of the day. Nor was there any relief found for that state of things until there had been one rebellion on the part of the people, and until the people of Manitoba had virtually risen in rebellion also. No wonder that I spoke strongly in my place in the House as to the way in which the future of the Northwest was being sacrificed by these men. Had they simply let the matter alone, had they simply allowed the people of Ontario and the other provinces to go in, had they simply allowed them to build railways, simply allowed them to make the best of the opportunities before them—I say, and I speak with knowledge—that by 1885 there would have been 500,000 families of magnificent settlers settled in Manitoba, and that today in Manitoba and in the valleys of the Saskatchewan, in the districts of Alberta and Assiniboia, you would have had a population, not perhaps as large as that of Dakota and Minnesota, but a population in all human probability of 250,000 families, or a million and a quarter strong. (Cheers.)

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