

FRENCH CANADIANS FORCED TO MARRY

Or Forfeit Their Right to Hunt, to Till Soil, or Revisit France

Mandre Fribourg claims to prove in the Paris "Grand Revue," through the correspondence of Colbert, the great Minister of Louis XIV., that the strength and stamina of French-Canadians are largely due to that statesman. Colbert was particularly interested in Canada, and made its colonization his hobby. He sent out batches of strong and healthy young Frenchwomen, and, in order that there should be no doubt about their getting married on their arrival, he issued a decree rendering marriage compulsory. Every bachelor-colonist was forced to take as his wife one of the female emigrants, under penalties on refusal of forfeiting his right to till the soil, to hunt, or to revisit France. Special privileges were, moreover, granted by Colbert to the parents of numerous children. It was in this way that the magnificent stock of French-Canadian voyageurs and trappers, not to speak of the equally sturdy agriculturists, was created. The question of Canadian virility was the subject of a private discussion by a number of members of the British Parliament and one of the members observed that with the exception of the ordinance respecting marriage, the same thing was practically true of the first settlers in other parts of Canada. They were drawn from the strongest of the race, and it is, of course, a commonplace to say that the present energy of Canada as a nation is the result of this endowment. Surprise is frequently expressed in England that so numerically small a nation as Canada should project and carry to a successful conclusion such huge undertakings; but is not the reason to be found in the fact that the fathers of the Dominion were the fittest of those who survived the Napoleonic and American wars, and before that date those Highlanders, of whom Lord Hobart, the then Colonial Secretary, wrote in such high terms?



COUNTESS TARNOWSKI

the beautiful and wicked "Venus of Venice," who was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for the murder of her lover, Count Paul Kamarsky.

TRUE IN MI FORTUNE

Human nature is vilely selfish and rather enjoys the failure of other people. "Don't expect help or sympathy from others," advised a notorious millionaire. "You won't get it if you do. Keep your failures to yourself. If you tell them to other people, don't expect them to enjoy them, that's all. It's human nature, and cannot be altered." It is wonderful how many people accept that miserable view. It does not do them good. I believe it is as false a view as anyone can hold, and one which helps enormously to the failure of those who hold it. The man or woman who believes that human beings are no better than that, won't make the best of them, or of himself or herself either. "Don't expect too much, but don't expect too little of men or women," advised Lord Palmerston. "People are always running to one extreme or the other in too much or too little confidence in them. I have seen a good deal of gratitude and much ingratitude. I think I may assure you of this, that desert inevitably gathers to it some who remain true to it in every misfortune."—The Penny Magazine.

Tobacco Smoke

Extensive tests by an Ohio physician have proved to his satisfaction that both tobacco juice and smoke are excellent germicides, killing a large proportion of all disease germs with which they come in contact.

Moving Pictures at Home

In the residence of a Connecticut man there has been installed a private motion picture theater, so located that guests can view the pictures, as from a box, while at the dinner table.

MURDER RECORD IN THE STATES

Nine Times as Many as in England, Taking Population as a Basis

Some recent statistics call attention to the remarkable number of murders in the United States. There is no country in the civilized world where so many people are killed, and it is doubtful if uncivilized countries could show a worse record. The situation is so serious that it has alarmed several life insurance companies, and they may increase rates to allow for murder risks, for when there are 85 murders in one year, as was the case in Memphis, Tenn., it is plain that the loss to insurance companies must be considerable, the victims of murders are as frequently and as heavily insured as the average member of the community. In many cases, indeed, they are still better insured, and murders for the sake of insurance alone are far from common.

Few Are Hanged

If the record of 1911 is taken there were nine times as many murders in the United States as there were in England, in proportion to population. Commenting upon the figures given, the Spectator, an insurance paper, says: "The comparison brings out in startling contrast the disregard of human life in the United States at the present time. The subject is obviously one of most serious importance, not only to life insurance companies but also to the public at large, and, granting the defects in the available statistics, there can be no question of doubt but that the American homicide rate is exceedingly high and that the rate is on the increase. A condition of this kind is not compatible with the common assumption that actual progress is being made in the United States in all that is being summed up under the term civilization and national welfare."

Mr. Andrew White, former Ambassador to Germany, who made an examination of the record in the United States, believed that the great murder rate was brought about by the fact that only one murderer in about 84 is ever sent to the gallows or the electric chair. In 1911 there were 61 executions, and probably between 5,000 and 6,000 murders.

In the Black Belt

Murders are commoner in the large cities than in the smaller towns and in the country districts, Chicago leading the country and the whole world in the actual number of killings, being hotly pursued by New York. But, on a basis of population, there are more murders in the Southern States than in any other portion of the globe. The victims are for the most part negroes, and for the most part the murderers are negroes, too. The negroes' habit of using razors is still constant, but they have also become accustomed to the revolver, and even to the automatic pistol, whose increasing popularity may have not a little to do with the murder rate. The automatic pistol makes killing easy, and assists escape in those cases where a crime is detected and bystanders might interfere if it were not for the deadly automatic with which the assassin stands off pursuit. The gunmen of New York are all patrons of the automatic pistol.

Foreign Murderers

The foreign population of the United States is also responsible for a considerable percentage of murders. Probably in the large cities the foreign-born and the offspring of foreign-born parents would be accountable for three-quarters of the murders. The names of the gunmen in the Becker trial will serve as an index. It is an unobservant Canadian who has not observed in the course of the past ten or fifteen years the increasing frequency of foreign names in Canadian murder cases, especially those in the cities where the herding together of these foreigners results in many murders in which no one is brought to justice. What has happened in the United States in the matter of immigration is very likely to happen in Canada in the next ten years unless stringent preventative measures are taken. It is already happening. With the hard-working, inoffensive foreigner will come the foreign criminal, and the murder ratio is likely to increase.

Petroleum in Siam

Petroleum is obtained from the earth in Siam by the natives digging pits about 60 feet deep and dipping it out with palls.

A Bavarian Bridge

A new suspension bridge over a Bavarian river has but one tower, the cables at the other end being anchored in a high rock bluff.

Coal in India

India is now producing annually more than 12,000,000 tons of coal and electrical machinery is being introduced into its mines.

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Defence of Rowdism

Speaking for two men charged at Wexford Sessions with damaging laborers' cottages, Mr. T. B. Moffatt, solicitor, said that when he was at Trinity College, the young men there did things which would put the defendants' action in the shade. He told of an encounter with the police, when the students captured a sergeant and put him up a tree in the college grounds. Captain Crosbie, R.M., said those tricks were performed on people who could afford it, but the defendants had injured poor people's houses.

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Oats, per bushel, 33 to 35
Pease, per bushel, 90 to 1.25
Buckwheat, 45c. to 50
Potatoes, bush, 45 to 50
Butter, per pound, 22 to 25
Eggs, per dozen, 17 to 18
Hay, per ton, \$8 to \$10
Hides, \$10.30
Hogs, live, \$7.50 to \$9 15
Beef, \$ 8.00 to \$9
Sheepskins, 50 to 80
Wool, 15 to 22
Flour, Samson, \$2.80 to \$3.00
Flour, Winnipeg \$2.70 to \$2.90
Flour, Silver Leaf, \$2.50 to \$2.70
Flour, Victoria, \$2.45 to \$2.65
Flour, new process, \$2.40 to \$2.60
Flour, family, clipper, \$2.35 to \$2.55
Bran, per 100 pounds, \$1.10 to \$1.20
Shorts, do., \$1.15 to \$1.25
Mixed Chop, do., \$1.40 to \$1.50
Corn Chop, do., \$1.30 to \$1.40

SECOND DIVISION COURT

IN THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA.

The next sittings of the above Court will be held in Twomey's hall, in the Village of Fenelon Falls.

On Thursday, May 8th, 1913, commencing at 1 30 o'clock in the afternoon. Saturday, April 26th, will be the last day of service on defendants residing in this county. Defendants living in other counties must be served on or before Tuesday, April 22nd.

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