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THAT "MOST SCANDALOUS CASE"

The errors found in the Emily voters' list at the recent court of revision have moved the Post to an unusual editorial effort and a boisterous outburst of lamentation over Conservative wickedness. Three people, says the Post, who were out of the province and would not return were put on the list by the assessor. Shocked at this enormity, our cotem claims to have been further lacerated by additional wickedness, for it continues that a boy sixteen years old had also been put on the list, and to this his father and mother had testified in court. This the Post designates "the most scandalous case of all" and piously hopes that the severity of the judge will stop "this pernicious method of trying to win elections." Moreover it discovers in these things part of a dark Conservative plot.

We regret that our cotem should have been so disturbed over this matter, and all the more because there was no need for its excitement. The names of two or three absentees did get into the wrong column of the list. That is a common error, and to correct it is one of the objeccs for which a court of revision is held. The case of the 16-year-old, which chiefly disturbed the Post, seems to have been a skilled manufacture. We have inquired of the Reform lawyer who was at the court, and the judge who presided and they declare that nobody's father and mother gave evidence in the court or were even there. So "the most scandalous case of all" was largely the product of our cotem's lively imagination. We rejoice at this escape of the Conservative party from disgrace and venture to suggest that the judge give the Post also "a very severe talking to" on its little lapse into romance.

CANADA'S POPULATION

The census returns have proved disappointing. There are not so many of us as we thought. While how many we are, is of less importance than what sort we are, yet the former is a matter of concern. In ten years we have increased a little more than half a million. At that rate we shall be respected for our antiquity sooner than for our numbers.

From a purely local point of view, we have nothing to complain of. Lindsay has added within half a dozen of 1,000 to her population in the last decade. During that time Port Hope, Cobourg, Belleville and other places along the front have had a heavy decrease. Peterboro was believed to have wholly distanced all competitors during that period, but a comparison of the figures shows that while that town made a gain of 15½ per cent., Lindsay gained 15 per cent. and therefore need not be ashamed. It is doubtful if, in the last 10 years any town in the province has made more substantial progress than has Lindsay.

The reasons for the slow increase in Canada's population, are not easy to state. Some hold the very silly theory that the figures for Ontario have been purposely diminished by the officials, and others put all the blame on the immigration policy of the Liberal party. It is perfectly safe to say that the trouble lies with the two great sources from which any country's population must be derived. These are the birth-rate and immigration. The people who are born in it and those who journey into it from other lands, constitute the country's population.

The Canadian birth-rate is low. It is not a land of either many or large families. Why the families that do exist have not more members, is a problem we leave to the social and moral reformer. Likely the multiplying demands of modern society, make rocking the cradle an unwelcome and inconvenient task. One reason that more families are not formed, is that young people are amid conditions that render the single state much more tolerable than formerly. Young men can get more luxurious homes for a moderate board bill than they could furnish on the salaries they earn; and young women engage in employments that secure them a good living without the sacrifice of independence or liberty. Accustomed to the social standing, homes, and luxuries that these occupations provide, a young woman is not inclined to give them up for the modest surroundings within the reach of the average young man; nor will the young man ask her to do so. To get married now-a-days without an ample income entails sacrifices that young people are not inclined to make. Hence there are comparatively few weddings.

With the natural advantages of Canada in mind, one would expect that what the birth-rate does not do, immigration would. But it does not. That is not because efforts to promote it are not put forth. It is said that there are 500 agents of the government seeking to bring settlers here from other countries. If so, they will have no trouble in counting up their victims—not nearly so much as the tax-payer has had to pay their salaries? Why do people go to other places in preference to Canada. No doubt the impression that our winter climate involves great hardship, if not positive peril, is one reason. That mistake will be corrected as the country is better known abroad.

The very extent and resources of our country make against us. The cost of the administration and development of the country on modern lines is peculiarly and unfortunately out of proportion to its age and population. It is not often that 5,000,000 of people have had to build a railway across a continent, nor dig hundreds of miles of canals, nor develop a mining district within the arctic circle and 4,000 miles from their capital city. The governor-general and the governors of the provinces cost as much as though we were 10 times as many. The same is largely true of all our system of government. We have to maintain as many customs officers clear across the continent as do the Americans; and they are 70,000,000 and we are 5,000,000. These are burdens that unavoidably rest upon us. It is because of them that we are chiefly distressed to find that our population is increasing slowly. Equipping a home for 50,000,000, it is no wonder if 5,000,000 feel the strain. It may be that immigrants detect it too and turn aside to other lands, and thus that which is our only relief from the burden, is repelled by the burden itself.

There is another thing that makes against our efforts to obtain immigrants. It is our British connection! Immigrants must come from the Old World. From there they came to the United States. The most of them came to that country from the continent, and to escape from the monarchies they hated, to the liberty of the American republic. That one motive has been the most powerful aid to American immigration. Canada really offers greater inducements of this sort, than the United States ever did, but in the mind of the European seeking a home abroad, she does not. Here our connection with the British monarchy makes against us. The emigrant thinks of Canada as part of a monarchy and he hates monarchies and will not come to Canada. More than that, he especially hates the English monarchy. The great unpopularity of Britain with other nations has been made very clear of late and the very British connection of which we are so proud is a powerful obstacle to our prosperity along the lines of increased population. It may come to pass in time that the foreigner will see the error of his ideas on this and other points, but until then it is likely we shall continue ro put exclamation points after our census returns.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY

The sympathy of the whole world goes out to President McKinley as he struggles with death from the assassin's weapon, and his family who painfully await in hope, his recovery. The attempt on the president's life rouses universal indignation too, and dismay. There are cowardly men, but mankind is not cowardly and the treacherous shots of this anarchist powerfully rouse the spirit of vengeance.

Then it comes as a shock to the world that, even yet, and in its most civilized nation, the person of a ruler is not safe from attack and that the day is not past when there are people who regard murder as a friend of liberty and a means of reform. That no form of government has eliminated the assassin is cause for dismay, if not for despair. There is reason for anxiety in this anarchist's deed, far deeper than the life or death of his victim.

And yet, is there no logic in Czolgosz? May he not have discovered in the president's policy during recent years the very principle that found expression in his terrible deed? In the attack on Spain, and bloody subjugation of the Fhilipinos, accomplished at last by treachery as black as his own—may he not in these things have seen an endorsation of the principle that wrongs may be righted by force and evils corrected by human slaughter? It may not be Expansion nor Imperialism, but it is nevertheless Truth that the American policy endorses bloodshed, and if the president should die, he will confirm still more the words of a greater than he, that "He who takes the sword shall perish by the sword." Until rulers have learned this lesson the assassin will be abroad.

EDITORIAL NOTES

ALREADY there is ample fulfilment of our early prophecy that the acoustics of the new town hall would be a dismay. A fire is our only hope.

LORD MILNER declares that none of the stout old burghers who fought early in the war, are now in the field. From the despatches of those former days, it was supposed all those old burghers were "slim."

THE LEGISLATURE will add $250 to the Ops council's grant of $500 to repair the Cross Creeks bridge. For that addition the legislature asks Ops to hand over her $500 and the right of appointing the foreman on the job. Looks like a case of the tail wagging the dog, and gives force to the already well-established charge that the Toronto government seeks to get control of things properly belonging to municipalities.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S proclamation that Boers fighting after Sept. 15th will be exiled and the cost of maintaintaining their families charged against their property, is the best piece of comic literature produced in England for a long time. Threats of exiling burghers who cannot be caught nor even prevented from over-running Cape Colony at will, and of levying on the lands of men who have long ago lost them, is proving as ridiculous in the ears of the enemy as it did to the average Britisher when first made public. That the man who made such a proclamation was unable to see its humor is one of the most discouraging features of the situation. Commenting on the futility of proclamations, the Toronto Star suggests that the way to conquer the Boers is "to drag the harrow of real war roughly over them." The difficulty of getting them under the implement and the enormous amount of harrowing they can survive, fosters doubts of the Star's method, but if it should prove successful, recourse may be had to the plowshare and reaping hook much earlier than was expected.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

President's Condition Shows Steady Improvement—How the President Passed Monday—Danger Yet, Though.

Milburn House, Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 10.—"God's contribution to the American people will be the sparing of the President's life." As the evening shadows were falling last night, John G. Milburn, President of the Pan-American Exposition, reverently uttered these words as he stood before the house in which the nation's patient was fighting so bravely with death. And all who have been at the Milburn residence yesterday reflect the view that the battle will be won and the prayers of the world will be answered.

Since Sunday night not an unfavorable symptom has appeared. Every hour has been a victory. Faith in the outcome grows stronger and stronger, and hope mounts higher and higher, until in the minds of some the danger of all future complications is brushed aside and hope has become conviction. Indeed, many of the President's friends seem possessed with a sort of superstitious confidence in the President's recovery, which nothing but an absolute change for the worse can shake. And the basis for the confidence that is expressed is solid.

There has been nothing but improvement, gradual and slow, but steady improvement. The reports the physicians have given out are facts as they exist, the scientific standpoint unmixed with sentiment. Still the President is by no means out of danger, is the verdict of each of them. Not one of them will risk his professional reputation with a statement that the President will live. All they will say is that with every hour the danger of complications from peritonitis or blood poisoning decreases.

Dr. McBurney, the most eminent of the physicians in attendance, expresses the opinion that, if the improvement continues, it will be a week yet before the President can be pronounced out of danger and convalescent. And some of his colleagues, like Dr. Mann, place the limit of danger still further away. The fear of peritonitis, it can be said positively, has well nigh completely disappeared. With the expiration of the 72-hour period at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, danger from that source was almost gone.

The President himself has been cheerful all day and has expressed confidence in his recovery. Yesterday he asked for a morning paper, but this, of course, had to be denied him. It is with some difficulty that he can be restrained from talking, and Col. Myron Herrick of Cleveland is quoted as authority for the statement that he has spoken at intervals of several things he proposes to do in the future. Yesterday morning he asked to be allowed to move his position, and when permission was given, before the attendants could move him he changed to the position he desired to assume without difficulty or pain. This speaks much for his general strength and spirits.

An English authority has discovered that the average age at which Englishmen marry is 28 years and 5 months and that of women 26 years and 2 months.

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PROGRAMME

OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL...

Lindsay Central Exhibition

TO BE HELD ON THE

Agricultural Grounds, Lindsay,

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,

Sept. 26 to 28

First Day, Thursday, September 26th

MORNING AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

The grounds and building open for receiving exhibits.
1.00 p.m.—The exhibition grounds will be open to the public.
2.30 p.m.—Judging in the Hall commences.

EVENING AT 7.00 O'CLOCK

Grand illimination of agricultural Park and buildings with Ball Electric light.
7.30 p. m.—Principal buildings open to the public.
8.00 p.m.—The 45th Battalion Band and promenade Concert.
10.00 p.m.—Gates closed.

Second Day, Friday, September 27th

8.30 a.m.—Grounds and buildings open to the public.
1.00 p.m.—Judging of horses; 2 o'clock, Cattle; Pigs and Sheep at 2.30.
1.30 p.m.—Grand performance of Lily Bletso, the Canadian Premier Lady Cornetist, youngest of her sex in Canada who plays that splendid instrument.
2.00—Three-year-old Speeding.
2.45 p.m.—Nellie Franklyn, the clever English Dancer and Singer.
3.30 p.m.—Green Speeding commences.
Areno, the great Contortionist who performs feats which have mystified the medical profession in Canada and the United States, and a great many other good acts.
4.30 p.m.—2.40 Speeding.

EVENING AT 7.00 O'CLOCK

Grand illumination of Agricultural Park and buildings with Ball electric Light.
7.00 p.m.—Principal buildings open to the public.
7.00 p.m.—Harry Rich, Canada's foremost Comedian.
7.30 p.m.—Band Concert and Promenade.
8.00 p.m.—Franklyn and Hiatt, the marvellous English Lightning Change Impersonators. Also Varin & Turenne, the great Mexican jugglers, handling a shower of axes; concluding with one of the most amusing episodes imaginable.
10.30 p.m.—Gates Closed.

Third Day, Saturday, September 28th

MORNING AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

The grounds and building open to the Public. All live stock and every department of the exhibition open to the public.
9.00 a.m.—Continuation of Judging of horses and all live stock.
1.00 p.m.—The Bletso Children, the youngest and cleverest national dancers in Canada, winners of many prizes.
1.30 p.m.—Speeding in the ring—open to all horses. A prize of $150 will be given. Entrance fee $7.50 and $7.50 more for prize winners. 1st to receive $75, 2nd to receive $50, 3rd to receive $25
2.00 p.m.—Walaton & Jones, in the funniest and prettiest comedy sketch ever put on any stage, introducing wonderful cornet playing and the prettiest dancing by a lady ever seen in Canada.
2.30 p.m.—Lady Drivers for Special Prizes.
2.45 p.m.—Team Speeding for Sylvester's Plow.
3.50 p.m.—Grand Parade of Prize Animals around the Ring.
45th Batt. Band will be on the grounds all the time during the Fair.

REFRESHMENTS

will be obtainable on the grounds at 25c. a meal. The Dining Hall will be in charge of A. B. Terry, Lindsay.

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS

SINGLE FARE on all the days of Fair, good to return on 30th. The Haliburton train will be held till 5 o'clock p.m. on the 27th and 28th September.

Autumn AND Winter Wearables

The greater portion of our Autumn and Winter importations are now to hand. The assortments shown are by far the best yet. Many of our foreign novelties were personally selected by our Mr. Sutcliffe in the leading European markets and will repay you for an early inspection.

New Dress Goods

Two of the most worthy foreign and domestic manufacture.

40c yard Cheviot Tweed Dress Goods 42 inches wide, colors Black, Brown, Navy, Grey and Myrtle, only per yard 40c.

50c yard Costume Cloth beautiful finish, 42 inches wide, colors Black, Brown, Navy Garnet, Myrtle and Grey, per yard 50c.

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These are going to find great favor as a comfortable wrap. They are in solid fawn plaids and plain colored outside with fancy plaid inside. These range in price from $5.50 to each.....

Ladies' Boas or Neck Ruffs

Something new and fashionable for Ladies' wear. They are made of silk and chiffon and silk and chenille, some all black others fancy edged, some short ruff length, others full Boa length, prices range from each, $4 down to..... These we bought exceptionally well and worth fully ⅓ more.

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New Millinery of the Ready-to-Wear Kind

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Stitched Felt in all the leading colors, quill and rosette of silk, special each $1.25.
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