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From Sunny Italy

Milan, July 18th, 1903. Editor STANDARD.—I have been in Italy for about two weeks, visiting the chief cities in the south, north, and centre, and my impressions of the country may be summed up in three words: "Hurrah for Canada!" As a region in which to travel it is absolutely sans pareil, since every inch of ground is hallowed by the historical associations of the centuries; as a centre of art and culture, the home of Dante, Michael Angelo and Raphael must always command respect; as a country in which the student of social conditions may find interesting phenomena in its super-abundant population, it has an economic interest; but as a country in which to live, it is impossible for one who has tasted the pure, bracing air of the upper half of North America.

We arrived at Naples, the terminal point of our voyage, on Monday, July 6th, after a passage of about fourteen days. The sun in the twilight, with the magnificent Roman villas and old castles on the shore beginning to take on the mysterious air which always seems to surround them at dusk, and old Vesuvius spouting a fiery welcome to us, was an experience never to be forgotten. Even before the anchor was dropped, we were surrounded by a flotilla of small boats, the occupants of which were yelling intelligible gibberish at the tops of their voices. In some of the boats dark-skinned signoritas with lustreous eyes sang and danced to the music of stringed instruments, and held up inverted umbrellas to catch the pennies with which their efforts to amuse were rewarded.

Naples is a city of thieves and robbers. I make this statement advisedly, and with full knowledge of the facts. Every man, woman, and child in the city seems to be intent upon reaping where he or she has not sown; and the unfortunate tourist learns this before he has been in the city many minutes. He is the legitimate prey of cab drivers, hotel-keepers, merchants, guides—in fact everyone with whom he comes in contact. The seemingly simple operation of hiring a cab requires on the average of about fifteen minutes of haggling. The cab man makes a price for his services, and the tourist immediately offers him about one quarter of that sum. The next few minutes are occupied by the various stages of the cab man's descent from his price to the one set by the tourist. This process is characterized by a perfect torrent of words and gesticulations on the part of the former, while the latter, if he be wise, will preserve an absolutely calm and unexcited exterior. Sometimes the cab man will endeavour after the drive to add something to the price bargained for, and in such a case the police are useful. The foregoing remarks apply to Naples only; in all the other Italian cities cab fares, etc., are fixed by law, and consequently there is no haggling.

Naples, with its surrounding suburbs, Capri, Amalfi, Pompei, and Pozzuoli, all of which are situated around the bay, forms one of the most delightful pictures one could wish to see. The city itself presents a striking contrast in its beautiful public buildings and palaces side by side with the squalor and wretchedness of some of its slums. One of the features of the place is the large museum, the most interesting section of which is that devoted to the display of the relics which have been gathered during the excavation of the ancient city of Pompei. Here one may see the cooking utensils, household furniture, wine jars, chariots, etc., which were actually used by the inhabitants of that city before the terrible eruption buried it beneath millions of tons of ashes and lava; and a fairly accurate idea may be formed of a civilization which in some respects equalled our own. Even more interesting is a visit to Pompeii itself. Very extensive excavations have been made, and almost the whole city may now be seen in somewhat the same state as before the eruption. The narrow stone-paved streets still bearing the grooves worn by the chariot-wheels, the sumptuous temples of the various gods, the luxurious homes of the patricians, the Forum, the huge theatres, the Gladiators' School, the immense baths, the circus, and the shops of the merchants have retained enough of their original form to enable the imagination to supply the missing details. The visitor may see also casts of some of the inhabitants in their death agony,—grimacing reliefs of that day of horror.

Rome, for so many centuries the centre of the world, is naturally the centre of the historically-inclined traveller. Wherever he turns he sees relics of departed periods of which were in many respects the most important the world has ever seen. The Forum with its Basilica, and its surrounding temples, indicates the various stages of political and religious change through which the ancient city passed. The various Arches of Triumph

suggest the days when Rome militant was invincible; when her generals returned from the ends of the earth flushed with victory, dragging their captives at their chariot-wheels, and the Roman populace every day acclaimed some new object of their fickle favor. One views the ruins of the enormous Coliseum, and there arises before his gaze a horrible picture of Christian martyrs thrown to the lions, and his ears ring with the shout of the doomed gladiators:—"AVE CESAR! NOS MORITURUM TE SALUTAMUS!" "Hail Caesar! We, who are about to die, salute thee!" The magnificent church of St. Peter's, with its huge proportions and its priceless art-treasures points to the golden age of Italian thought and culture, when that sun-kissed region again led the world,—this time in the arts of peace.

Florence has for centuries been one of the principal art centres of Italy, and in fact of Europe, and consequently it contains more of the famous creations of Italian painters and sculptors than almost any other city. Its two most famous galleries, the Pitti and the Uffizi, are filled with the priceless master-pieces of Michael Angelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Titian, Andrea del Sarto, and all the other famous artists of the Italian School. Outside of the galleries, the chief attraction in Florence for the sight-seer is the cathedral, which is a huge edifice built entirely of marble. Like many other churches, it is constructed in the form of a cross, with an immense dome in the centre. One of the most interesting sights in Florence is the Ponte Vecchio, which spans the river Arno. It is practically a street on a bridge, since the houses and shops continue all the way across. On the slopes of the Tuscan Hills, which surround the city, are scattered the magnificent villas of nobility, some of which are centuries old.

To the ordinary traveller the most interesting city in Italy is Venice, because there is no other place like it in the world. It is literally built on the Adriatic sea. The whole city is constructed on a foundation of huge piles sunk down into the water, to the insecurity of which the collapse of the Campanile or bell-tower of St. Mark's cathedral which occurred last year, bears testimony. The streets are canals, and the steps of the houses run right into the water. The canals vary in width according as they are main thorough-fares or less important streets, from the Grand Canal, which is about one hundred and fifty yards wide, to the small alleys across which one could almost jump. The usual means of conveyance from place to place is by the gondola, a long, narrow boat with both stem and stern out of the water. These crafts are propelled by gondoliers, who stand on the high stern and use a long oar with a peculiarly graceful motion. On the Grand Canal small steam-boats ply to and fro, corresponding to the trolley cars of other cities, while the gondolas represent the cabs. The rich families have their private boats, rowed by gondoliers in handsome uniforms. The railway enters the city over a long viaduct, and the passenger is rowed to his hotel in a gondola.

It is in the evening that Venice begins to live. The whole city blazes with light, and the vari-colored reflections on the water of the canals make the whole a scene of wondrous beauty. The Grand Canal is crowded with gondolas in which the people of the city lazily float about smoking their cigars. Companies of Serenaders occupy larger boats, and supply splendid music in return for the largesse of the generously inclined. The whole scene is so unique and beautiful, illustrating so admirably the Italian temperament, that it cannot fail to impress even the most phlegmatic northern nature.

Milan, the most northerly of the Italian cities, is a place of about half a million inhabitants. In summer it is the hottest, and in winter the coldest city in Italy, and it is not at all a desirable place in which to live. The principal attraction is the cathedral, which is marvellously beautiful. It has neither the tremendous size of St. Peter's in Rome, nor the Byzantine magnificence of St. Mark's in Venice; its beauty is of a more aesthetic and ethereal nature. Its mass of spires and minarets and turrets, all of marble, and its superb examples of the decorative art, give it a peculiar charm, which is not easily defined. The style of architecture is so delicate, and its proportions are so marvellously true to each other, that one scarcely grasps the immensity of the edifice. From the roof of the cathedral one gets a splendid view of the whole city, with its red-tiled roofs, its parks, and its public squares.

The feature of Italian life which makes itself most apparent to the foreigner is the idleness, which he sees everywhere. In the large cities the streets are crowded at

all hours of the day with well-dressed men, who apparently have nothing to do but walk about or sit at the cafes and drink wine. Also you never see an Italian walk quickly, unless he is being chased. Of course the heat is a great measure responsible for the idleness;—in fact most of the shops are closed between noon and 3 p. m. During the heat of the day every shady corner is occupied by a man or child asleep. They seem to have the faculty of taking their rest at any time and in any position. It seems to be utterly impossible for the Italian to talk without accompanying every word with a significant gesture, and I have often thought of the silence which would ensue if all their hands were tied down. The soldiery form a considerable element in each city, Italy possessing a very large standing army. Three years military service is compulsory upon every able-bodied young man, during which period he receives the magnificent salary of two cents per day. G. F. McFARLAND.

Dundalk

(Intended for last week.) The people of this town are going to have a chance to show whether they wish to improve the looks of this place or not, as by-laws are out asking for town hall, water works and street and sidewalk improvements. Ratepayers can vote for or against any one or all three. We await results; Monday, Aug. 3rd is voting day. Mr. S. J. Halbert, his son, Wilfred, and nephew, Shields Clare, of Markdale, were in town Sunday.

About a dozen from this town took in the I.O.F. Excursion to Niagara on Friday last.

Mrs. J. W. Whitby is visiting friends in Markdale and vicinity this week. Rev. Mr. Thom of Flesherton was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tedford arrived home Monday evening after nearly a two week's driving tour through the country.

Mr. Thos. Fennell is having his new implement shop on Proton Street pushed forward with all possible speed. (This week.)

Just as I was going to post my budget to you last week the fire alarm was sounded and therefore everything else was forgotten in the strenuous efforts to save the town from the devouring element, which completely destroyed the Bell Block.

Three by-laws were voted on here Monday, which resulted in all three being carried, so this will become a modern town in the near future.

The village of Riverview snuffed by fire yesterday (Monday) when the Methodist church and two adjoining dwelling houses were burned. The fire originated in one of the dwellings.

Mr. R. O. Whitby of Rochester visited his brother, J. W., here last and part of this week.

Mrs. M. K. Beatson and son, Gordon, of Trout Creek, and Mrs. Annie Nesbitt and her two boys of Markdale visited their sister, Mrs. J. W. Whitby, on Sunday.

Mr. John McDuff, his mother and sister Violet, of Markdale, visited at Mr. Alex. McDuff's this week.

Blantyre

(Intended for last week.) The people are busy now with the hay, which is a fine crop; reports say two ton to the acre. Most of the fall wheat is cut around Blantyre, which is also a good crop.

Mr. James L. Paterson has erected a fine new wind-mill on the farm he purchased last spring from his brother, John A. It adds very materially to the appearance of the farm, as well as being a great saving of labour, it doing the pumping for Mr. P's stock.

Mr. Norman Abbott, of Meaford, and Miss Gilbert, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Paterson on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Wm. McIntosh and child, of Moss Point, also Mrs. A. Mitchell and two sons, of Atwood, visited their uncle, A. C. Paterson on Friday of last week.

Mr. Thomas Storey returned to her home, Blantyre, after having visited her sister, Mrs. Alf. Baxter, of Winnipeg, for the last two months. (This week)

Hay, fall wheat and barley in this section is nearly all cut and the other spring grain is coming in very fast; all promise to be an exceptionally good crop.

Miss Lillie Muxlow and Miss Edith Patterson, daughter of Editor Patterson of the Meaford Mirror, visited Mrs. A. C. Paterson Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. W. Reid and Miss Emile Anderson, of Bogno, visited friends at Blantyre on Sabbath, also Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ferris, of Beaverdale.

Mr. Bert Patterson of Toronto spent Sabbath and part of Monday with his parents here, returning to Toronto today.

Mr. Alex. Bennett, of Barrie, and John Muxlow, of Meaford, representing the Massey Harris Co. Ltd., passed through Blantyre on Tuesday; they report having had a good season. Clark Bros. commence threshing to-

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INTERESTING PRICES DURING AUGUST.

\$1.00 Kid Gloves for 39 cts.

48 pair Ladies Kid Gloves, in assorted shades of tan, mode, browns, oxbloods and greys, sizes 6 to 7, some plain, some silk stitched backs, two done fasteners, nice, fine, soft quality kid, regularly sold at 75 cts. and \$1.00 per pair, your choice while they last, only 39

\$1.00 Sateen Underskirts for 45 cts.

12 only Ladies' Colored Sateen Underskirts, in garnet, purple, navy, cerise and pink; 19 inch full on bottom, wide sweep skirt, good, heavy mercerized sateen, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 qualities. On sale this week at 45

50c. Ladies' Silk Belts for 25c.

60 Ladies' Fancy Silk Belts, good heavy morie belting, large, oblong oxidized buckle on back; with latest dip buckle in front, all sizes in black only, regular 50c. qualities. On sale during August for 25

20c. Ribbons for 5c.

One box (about 200 yards) Fancy Ribbon, in assorted widths, 2, 3 and 4 inch wide, about 20 different colorings in the lot, regular values 10, 15 and 20c. yard. Your choice while they last 5

75c. and \$1.00 Shirts for 49c.

75 Mens Shirts in assorted colors, black sateens, fancy colored sateens, laundried cambric shirts, etc., regular 75c and \$1.00 qualities, all sizes in the lot, on sale at one price, your choice for 49

20c. Merino Socks for 12c.

10 dozen Fine Wool Sox, light grey with white heels, toes and ribbed tops, summer weight, usually sold at 20c. pair for our August sale the price will be; 2 pair for 25

\$1.50 Tweed Vests for 75c.

12 only Mens Double-breast Tweed Vests, nice patterns, in light colored, medium weight tweeds, regular value \$1.50 each, sale price only 75

50c. Straw Hats for 19c.

60 Mens and Boys Straw Hats in assorted sailor shapes, plain and fancy straws, all sizes in the lot, sold all season at 50c, 40c and 30c each, all on sale now at one price, your choice for 19

\$2.75 Homespun Skirts for \$1.69.

10 only Ladies Homespun Top Skirts in nice Oxford grey shade, six row fancy stitching, double stitched seams, well tailored, lengths 39 to 43 inch, regular value \$2.75 each, on sale during August only 1.69

\$5.00 Cloth Skirts for \$3.39.

12 only Ladies Fine Black Venetian Cloth Skirts, nicely made with cloth strapping and button fronts, wide full sweep skirt, all lengths from 38 to 49 inch, good value in the regular way at \$5.00 each, on-sale while they last at 3.39

\$1.25 Ladies Linen Skirts for 89c.

8 only Ladies Linen Crash Skirts, nice fine quality, made with adjustable waist bands, all lengths, 38 to 44 inch—regular 1.25 qualities—during August only 89

\$2.00 White Duck Skirts for \$1.25.

6 only Ladies White Duck Skirts, nice fine quality in good heavy weight, double stitched seams, bias

fold on the top, wide sweep skirt, new adjustable waist bands, regular 1.75 and 2.00 qualities, on sale during August only 1.25

8c Table Bibs or 21c.

75 only Colored Table Bibs, in fancy pictures, nice size with 20 strings, usually sold at 8c, but they last year can buy them at 3 for 5

10c. Button Hook for 3c.

13 dozen Pecked Button Hooks, a novelty to carry in your ring or in your pocket, hook folds up inside, all assortments sizes and shapes, regular value 10c, on sale for 3

15c. Wide Check Muslin for 8c.

6 pieces about 350 yards, fancy check White Dress Muslin, one yard wide, with raised cord check and brocade pattern, full 32 inch wide, good value in regular way at 15c. yard, on sale during August for 8

\$1.25 Lace Curtains for 98c.

24 pair White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 58 inches wide, nice rich Brussels design, taped all around, in regular way at \$1.25 pair, during August for 98

Big Discount on Ladies Shirt Waists.

We have about 50 White Shirt Waists left. We will sell every one of these during the month of August and have marked them with this object in view.

White Muslin Blouses, regular 50c.

White Muslin Blouses, regular 50c, on sale during August for 39

White Muslin Blouses, regular 75c.

White Muslin Blouses, regular 75c, on sale during August for 59

White Muslin Blouses, regular 1.00.

White Muslin Blouses, regular 1.00, on sale during August for 79

White Muslin Blouses, regular 1.50.

White Muslin Blouses, regular 1.50, on sale during August for 98

White Muslin Blouses, our regular \$3.00.

White Muslin Blouses, our regular \$3.00, on sale during August for 1.98

15c. Dress Muslins for 7c.

About 20 pieces left in Fancy Colored Muslins, lawn, etc., regular 10, 12, 15 and 18c. qualities, while they last they will be 7c

40c. Summer Corsets for 25c.

60 pieces of Summer Corsets, in white, good heavy weight, regular 40c. kind, for August the price will be 25

Bangles in Glassware.

We have this week about one hundred pieces glass bangles in various styles, 12 and 14 inch high berg bangles, 12 and 14 inch bangles, 10 ring bangles, large water jars, six pieces of them, many of them regular 50c. and 45c. bangles, your choice for 22

Bangles in Toys.

We have at present underwears sale one case of \$5.00 worth of toys, some of them slightly soiled, by reason of coming across ocean. The lot consists of dolls, music books, luzzles, Nonny, etc. They are priced at about 1/2 of regular prices. See them. They won't be with us long at this price.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

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Second Class: Will be run to stations on CAN. PAC. in Manitoba and Assiniboia, West, South-west and North-west of Winnipeg as far as MOOSEJAW, ESTEVAN AND YORKTON \$10

On August 12th, from stations in Ontario, Main Line of Grand Trunk, Toronto to Sarnia, and all stations North (except North of Carleton Place and North of Toronto on North Bay Sec.)

One-way tickets to Winnipeg only will be sold, with a certificate extending the trip, before August 31st, without additional cost, to other points in Manitoba and Assiniboia as above. If purchasers engage as farm laborers at Winnipeg, provided such farm laborers will work not less than 30 days at harvesting, and produce certificate to that effect, they will be returned to original starting point at \$18.00, or before Nov. 30th, 1903. Tickets not good on "Imperial Limited". For further particulars and tickets apply to nearest railway agent. A. H. NOTMAN, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., 71 Yonge St., Toronto.

The Standard

sent to that friend of yours for the balance of the year— Would be a very acceptable gift. Try it. Only 25 cents.

morrow, Aug. 4th; they expect to be kept busy from this on. Mrs. Brown, of Toronto, is visiting her brother, Mr. E. Ward.

Kills the Bugs Feeds the Plant

Summer Offer

WEEKLY MAIL AND EMPIRE. Mailed to any address in Canada, Great Britain or United States until January 1st, 1904, for 50 CENTS

This offer includes choice of premium pictures entitled "The Mower's Fairweather" and "On the Edge of the Storm"

Bug Death

Kills the bugs on plants and Cucumbers, and Gooseberry and Tomato, and all bugs that eat the leaves of plants. Increases the yield, improves the quality. Extra yield more than pays the entire cost. We sell it.

Farm for Sale

100 acres, No. 10, con. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469,