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LOOK OUR STOCK OVER ------

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LAMENT

We thought the Spring at least was ours, And whon the violets came again Our hearts would dance and thame again,

Priumphant with the flowers. We thought that with the lilac-spire Some tender blade would spring anew In dusty ways and bring anew . The old sweet lors dealer.

We thought whatever winter took With soed of April sod would wake Our wintful youth, and God would make Laughter in tree and brook. But all in valu : the roses laid. "

at This year ne meaning barn to us Their faces once so fair to us No sutiden glory made.

For we are housed too long with grief virtue fied in bud or last. in vain the fields redew themselves. The booding blades renew themselves-Their gift, how alight, how brief ! -Canadian Magazine.

The Blooming of the Violets

ToT WAS Nine Marshalf's day to distribute flawers at the hospital, and she had tucked into the great basket o ragrant blossoms one or two bunches of violets, modest and sweet-scented, which, she felt sure, would make somebody very happy. As she entered one of the wards a Confederation we would have been far nurse said to her :

"Mis Nine, you must be sure to give some flowers to that gentleman youder. He is a strapper in the city and met with an accident vosterday. He seems to feel forlorn, and a bunch of flowers may choer him up a bit." "I am going to leave you some flowers.

Nina said pleasantly, as she approached the bed indicated, whose occupant looked up at her questioningly. "What shall it be ! Panaiss, roses, violats-."

"Oh, may I have violets?" the gentleman interrupted cagerly, his fine face lightlug up with pleasure. "They always remind me of my boyhood bemein England. Uladly Nina drew out the fragrant bunch she had gathered that morning. "They are lavorites of mine, too," abo said, banding them to him. "I hope that they may belo you to a speedy recovery."

"Thank you," he said simply. "If they do, it will be because your friendly sympathy goes with them. Please tell me something about this work you are doing. It is a boautiful idea." And he listened with interest to Nina' account of the Flower Mission, through

ty is brought into many lives that would otherwise be bare. When she had passed other patients of the ward. "It is a beautiful work," was his thought

more than once that day as he breathed in tenderness with which his companions in misfortune handled the blossoms that had been left for them. When, a fow days later, it came Nina's turn to go to the hospital again, she

enthored another bunch of riolete, thinking that perhaps the stranger who so loved them would still be in the hespital. And entered the ward, but he looked brighter and happier, than when she had seen him

the violets have helped me." Nina smiled at the idea, but he went on carneatly "They brought me a message of friendly sympathy, and a reminder that love and kindness blossom everywhere. My despondency at being in a bounted in this great city where I am a total stranger was hindaring my recovery, but the violets' moneyo cheered me, and I began to im prove at once."

"I am glad," Nion adswered with unmistakable sincerity. Then, handing him a dainty cluster of blosnoms, she suided "I hope these will flaish the work the others began, and make you quite well."

"Thank you for your good wishes," he replied, "I shall probably be discharged from the hospital before you come again, but I shall not forget your kindsess. The fragrance of these violets will be with me long after the blossoms themselves have failed, and I shall always be interested in the work of the Flower Mission, which belyed me when I was sick and a stranger." These words of appreciation sounded very awest to Nina. "My violete have had a

beautiful blossoming." she thought, as she turned her steps homeward. But the relation of the violets was not vet suded, as Nins discovered some two weeks later. One bright afternoon, she chancel to most Jean Mason, another of the girls of the Flower Mission, in a dewn-town music store, and as they looked over the new music tegether, they began to talk of an entertainment that was soon to riven to help a poor old lady, a protego

Absorbed in the discussion, in which the than once, neither of the girls noticed a tall | many of the nobles, but their forhouseds some music, and who for some minutes had been listening to their conversation with astonishment was consequently great the Englishman's favorite subject of dogs. the turned and recognized the gentleman

"You must forgive mo for having listoned to the conversation bewsen you and your riend," he said, addressing her, "When: you spoke of the Flower Mission It attracted my attention at once, and I felt bound to listen. And I am very glad I did, for it

"This, proved to be a bill of such a gen. Could you imagine a dog as long as from arous denuicination that the girls were Livershol to New York ?" The contlors

overcome with surprise and gratitude, and

Nina recovered herself barely in time to thank the stranger se he left the store. "Your violets must have been charmed, Nina," Joan said Isoghingly as Nina still stood amazed at the good fortune that had come to the Mission. "That's the only way to account for their bearing such

wonderful fruit." Charmed they were, indeed, but the spoll was a simple one, wrought by the love and sympathy that had sought with their bely, to make sickness and suffering a little easier to bear.

HALF A CENTURY OF CONFEDER-ATION, 1867-1917

D. BOGERS

The writer remembers very well the day which we first celebrated Dominion Day ; Menday, July lat, 1867. A boy with 25 cents (or 50 cents at the most) in his pocket, considered himself well furnished to meet the demands of the day in securing "ice-cold lemonade" and cake, 60 years ago. It is a long time to live in this rushing modern life of ours, but a review of those years furnishes indisputable avidence that the hand of God has been upon 'us as a people, for good, during all these decades. Of those who were then adults, how few are now living to read these lines. Here and there may be found one who lingers with us a little while longer, but soon not one of them all will be left. This is surely a chastoning thought.

Confederation may not have been panacea for all our ills ; indeed, we do not know of any material arrangements that would be-but we feel sure that without behind our present position, and our people would have grown up with narrow views in keeping with a horizon bounded by the arrow limits of a Province. Now, a Canadian knows that he belongs to s country which rests on both great oceans. He knows that he can traverse the contipont from "the cast where the Atlantic himes its billows on the rock-bound coast of Newfoundland, to the west, where the calm Pacific tells to the beach her summer dreams in sea-blown mormurs, soft and low," without touching any other soil but that of Canada; that he can remove from here to a point 3,000 miles distant and still remain a Canadian and under the same flag that floats over him here. This leads to nobler aspirations than it is possible to fee among a people who are amall and insignificant and without any hope of increase and

It would therefore seem a proper thing that, as a young nationality, we should remember July 1st, 1917, to be celebrated with feativity and rojaicing, with patriotic speech and song in commomoration of our national existence.

. What of the years preceding 1867; were whose efforts a bit of brightness and beau- they better than these ! Her. Dr. Talmage, when a boy, said to his father one day : "Are people so much worse now than on, his eyes followed her, and he noted the they used to be?" He made no reply for a eager pleasure with which these messengers | minute, for old people do not like to confess of the summer's glory were received by the too much to the boys. But after a while his eye twinkled, and he said : "Well, DoWitt, the fact is that people were never any better than they ought to ba." Very the fragrance of his violets, and saw the true, yet we believe the present age of the world-notwithstanding the frightful war that is upon us-is better than any one that preceded it. 'Of course we do not mean to attism that the present times are without fault. There is still enough of air and suffering and serres in the world to cause the heart of a good man to ache and almost to break. But things are not so so he was, as abo saw the mement sho Lad as they once were. We who have our lot in the 20th century are favored above all our predocessors. We are environed by a material civilization incomparably super-"Yes, I am almost well," he said gladly, | ior to any that the genius and enterprise of in answer to ber inquiry. "And I am sure our race have ever before worked up. Nor is this all. The general average of morali y is constantly, though slowly, improving Better still, the church, despite its manifold defects, is purer, stronger, more argredite than at any previous period. He that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks would deabtless find more to commend and less to condemn than he found in the seven churches of

Let us refresh our memory by a glance a some improvements made in material things oven within the brief period of the recollection of many of the readers of the Fare Pursy. In the matter of letter post. are-5 cents 50 years ago, then later 3 cents and in 1899 reduced to 2 cents. The old morchant ship is which our parents came to Canada required from six to twelve weeks, or as the Irishman out it, "7 weeks and 15 days," to cross the Atlantic-now the voyage is accomplished in less than that number of days. Then came the telegraph and click, click, went the message and with lightning spood back came the answer. The old stars-coach has long since been rattled out of tupe, and in its

"The iron horse sweeps proudly ou In his exultant course. at speed which rivals in its onward flight

The bird's free wing thre' axure fields of t is within the easy memory of living men how Morse and his electric telegraph were ridiculed in acientific circles up to the very time when he put his first line in operation. When Cyrus W. Field was trying to arouse the people of Highard and America to help him in his plan of the Atlantic telegraph, name of the Mission was mentioned more he made a trip to England and visited gentleman who stood near, looking over | and the chase were prominent in their minds and the school of telegraphy was of little or no account. At last, Mr. Field asident interest and pleasure. Nins's | ventured to talk with one conflemen upon when, feeling a light touch on her shoulder Mr. Field said, "Sir, speaking of dogs, you have aroused my interest in the aubto whom she had given the violets at the ject, and if you will indulge me, I would like to ask you if you could imagine a dog as large as the House of Parliament? "Woll, inflood, Mr. Field, you really astonish me with such a strange question but I could imagine a dog as large as that Mr. Field then said, "Can you imagine dog as large as London !" The English gives me a chance to repay in a measure | man slowly assented that he could imagine the dabt of kindness I owe to the Mission. | a dog as large as London. Mr. Field said. Please add this to the proceeds of your "Can you imagine a dog as large as Engentertainment, and set it down to the su- | land ?" That was a paper but at last he count of the violets, which brought me a said, "Well, I suppose I could imagine measage of choor when I was most in next dog that large." Cyrus W. Vield said. "ladalgo me lin one more aupposition.

finally agreed. Thon, Mr. Field said "The dog that I am trying to get you interested in, is a dog, that when you pinch his tail in Liverpool, he will back in Now York." From that on Mr. Field had no trouble, in arousing England as well as America. Long years of toll and many failures followed. In 1865 they went out with tone of wire, but in mid-occan the cable broke, and all hope, for a little time, was given up, but the attempt was made again in 1866 (Mr. Field's Slat trip across the Atlantic) and it was accomplished. The writer recalls four lines of a poem of considerable length which then appeared in an English publication : Two mighty lands have shaken hands

Across the doep wide sea, The world looks forward with new hopes

Of better times to be." The most comprehensive thinker of fow years ago, Robert Spencer, laughed at the idea of turning electricity to practical account as a motor for driving machinery. In view of the fact that thousands of street railway systems, for years, have used : other power, Mr. Spencer can hardly b ranked as a perfectly trustworthy prophet A thoughtful friend is accustomed to say "Since the telephone and the phonograp came I do not regard anything as chimerical." The telephone which is now so wonder to us. The recognition of a bumas voice hundreds of miles away if marvellous A centleman called his dog through the telephone, and though many miles inter voned, the animal recognized the voice and gave evidence of his great pleasure in the usual doggish way. Churches may be connected by telephone, and the whele service is reproduced from first bymn and prayer to benediction. But the instrumen s altogether too impartial in its transmiss ion of sounds, for the spore of the sleeper. the eners of the snuff-taker and the cry of the baby will alike mingle with the gespel's

So elaborate and rarious are the triumphs communication that people now have free choice as to how they will converse. whether by phone, or wire, or air, or mail, travel by lightning and the clouds are 'out stoods. All the nations are in touch with each other, and the war news reach us

the latter part of the last century have as into co-partnership with himself. W soon and heard of more important events happening probably than Methusalsh did our duty and privilege to aid in bringing during the 069 years of his life. Steamships, railroads, telegraphs, flying machines. Improved farm implements, and mechanics' tools of all description are the products of the past few decades. A science and purposes, which are as old as eternity. industry publication had the following lines.

"In other times we took a car Drawn by horses, if going far, And felt that we were blest. Now the conductor takes the fare And sticks a broomstick in the air,

And lightning does the rest. "In other days allow the street A glimmering lantern led our feet When on a midnight stroll But now we catch, when night is nig A piece of lightning from the sky

And stick it on a pole. Time was when one must hold his Close to a whispering voice to hear. Like deat mon-nigh and nigher But now from town to town he talks, And puts his nose into a box

And whispers through a wire." Note also the great advancement in the yle and amount of advertising, as compar ad with former times. In the village of Dakville a gentleman confucting a general tore business inserted the following adcortisement in the Christian Guardian, of Toronto: "The subscriber having com manced the merchantile the mercantile ousiness at Oakville would inform bi riends and the public that he intends t keep on hand a general assortment of dry goods'and bardware, also a few groceries and medicines, mostly used in the country, which he offers low for cash. J. W Williams, June 1, 1833." And this remain ed for 2 or 3 years, without any change. By way of contrast, note the following 'ad" of a big store, undergoing extensive repairs, even to the foundations, yet the business and their daily "ade" went on as usual : "Match this wonderful store's progrees if you can ; other stores would have closed up for a week, but not so with us it's not our way. Yesterday the hig aisles were crowded, to-day a wonderland of bargains and marching crowds. Carpen tora, bricklayora, paintera, gas men, 300 employees and 10,000 people will make the store a blaze of giory to morrow." "Two large dairy farms - one at lalimeton and the other at Georgetown-receiving daily the reduct of 120 mileb cows ; bern buildings | an he closed the door : ou farm with capacity of atoring 350 tons hay and 10,000 bushels of grain. Dairy lunch room in the besement, supplied with cream, butter and milk direct from our own dairy farms, and capable o secommodating 3000 people a day. Though the aute may have displaced the wagon delivery to some extent, yet the

or electric cleaner.

burses still needed are cleaned with a steam As to the newspaper itself we are told that a tree can be cut down, turned fatpulp and paper and issued as a newspaper in 36 hours, and the ordinary newspaper is letter from the whole earth. Facilities for rapid living make one life now equal to a hundred one century ago. Would that this were true in morals also. Among all the discoveries for quick interchange of thought among men, not one has been found necessary for more effective comnunior with God. Our gracious Father anticipated all human progress, and in the very beginning opened a perfect telegraph line betwist his throne and every believing heart. "I love the Lord." exclaimed David, "tecause he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he list! school his ear unto me, therefore will ! call upon him as long as I live." "The wireless telegraph called Prayer Needs neither other, space nor sir,

Yor which to speed fear's quitering wave from us who need to him who haves Phrough vacuums of forgetfuluess Race forth the flashing mossages : No medium is too dense or hard ; blesh, distance, time, in vaio retard ; Prayer needs two instruments alone

lod's hears, and, tuned thorowith, thine These bigreal stations in accord. Thou shalt hold couverse with thy Land Through hills, o'er plains, beneath the

For love's the electricity ! Who leveth, though the meancat clod,

But human inventions do facilitate divine communications. The promptings of a good heart in response to prayer preaching can now instantly be mule known to poor and needy, wounded and dying, sinful and lost anywhere on God's footstool, in city, or wilderness, or desolate place or tangled jungle, among pagans or Christians, wherever humanity is found Dollars given to missions or philanthrephics can be sent to their destination in a second of time. If one of God's workers in Indla or China or Africa dies the world knows almost before the mortal body is cold Quick reparation is possible for any loss It is a pushing ago, and the church mun push as hard as the world. All human ingenuity must be made coalescent with divino wisdom is making this sin-carsod

cartle a paradise of purity and peace. It is characteristic of man to magnify the faults of the living and speak only glowing terms of the dead; but in spite of the magnificance and pewer of previous civilizations; in spite of the masters of literature and art, who have left behind them monuments which have nover been surpassed, and which will tax to the utmost the genius of coming ages to equal ; in spite of the mighty men of God who have towered among men like cake among rush cs : in spite of all the boaution, all the rug. From the Issue of the Free Press gedness and grandour of previous ages, the twentieth century stands like a snow-capped mountain peak bathed in the splendors of the setting sun, while its fellows are already wrapped in mist and twilight.

In the foregoing considerations there is ground for hope. We can labor with more energy and more joy if we believe our offorts are yielding fruit, and that the good cause in which we are engaged is gaining ground. Let us be hopeful, and believe that the best days of the world are no behind, but shead. God means that the race upon which he has expended so much love and effort shall move forward to th possession and enjoyment of a glory of science and discovery in methods of which we have now possibly, only th faintest conception. Our weakness and vacillation and wickedness may somewhat delay the consummation, but it is coming or almost by signals to the stars. We To doubt it is to believe that the devil i to win in his ago-long controversy and conflict with God. We do not doubt it Almighty power and goodness and mercy are pledged to bring it to pass. Let us b Living persons who were born during diligent. Our Hoavenly Father has taken are invested with a great dignity, and it back our erring and sinning brother-men to the right and true way, and to contri bate our part, however small it be, to th full accomplishment of these high, divin London, June 7th, 1917.

THE GOLDEN BULE

Do as you would be done by .- Persian In not that to a neighbor which you would take ill from him. - Grecian. What you would not wish done to your-

self do not unto others - Chinese. One should seek for others the happiness one desires for one's self. - Buddist. He sought for others the good he desired for himself. Let him pass on .- Egyptian All things whatsoover yo would that mor

Christian. Lot none of us treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated .~

should do to you, do yo even so to them. -

Mohammedan _____ CANADA'S YEARLY PRODUCTION

According to statistics supplied by Wiliam Lawla Edmonds in an article contriouted to the June number of The Canadian Magazine the yearly production in Canada s as follows :

Farm products (field crops, five stock dairy, fruits, oto....... \$1,313,000,000 Manufactured goods 1,500,000,000 'ura and skins

The article deals with the various sources of the country's wealth, and is unusually interesting and instructive.

KNEW HIS BUSINESS

Mrs. Smith hired a Chinese servant, and tried to teach him how to receive calling cards. She let herself out af the front door, and when the now servent answered her ring she gave him her card. The part day two ladice came to visi Mrs. Smith. When they presented their

"Tickets no good ; you can't come in."

cards, thoulast Chinaman hastily compared

them with Mrs. Smith's card, and remark-

FOOD VALUE OF BEARS

It is estimated that an avarage acre of beans produces as much real food material as is usually obtained from five to fifteen acres of pasture land in the production of either meat or milk. According to recout determinations and provailing prices, as much valuable food material for human consumption could be obtained from the purchase of leans with twenty cents as from the purchase of cheese with forty-five cents, of bool stock with seventy-five cents. and of eggs with one dellar and sixty one cents. Field beaus supresch animal foods in nutritive value. They contain a high percentage of profein, and in this respect - Whitetler turned to his friend. surpass the cereals commonly used as food such as wheat and oats. There is a higher

plotaly digested. HER THOUBLES

Country Lady - I've been expecting maket of medicine by post for a week and haven't received it you Post Office Clerk - Yes matlam. Kindly

percentage of protein in beans than in the

bost cuts of meat, but it is not quite so com-

till to this form and state the nature of your complaint Lady- Well, if you toust know, its indigostion.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PRUIT FOR THE EAST

The fruit growers of the Okanagan Val loy, British Columbia, report an increase of

ENLISTED You went away with the first daffodile

Their saucy yellow heads Bobbed in the garden bods, And how the sunlight frosted, all the bills So pale and glistening, they seemed. Coated with silver, and the birches gloam-

Each dainty twig and bud Dipped in the aliver flood. You went away whon all

in those divinest days. The willows in the lane Are misty-green again ; The dandslions glow beside the street, And from the lowlands as we pass, Floats up the fragrance of the meado

When maple fringes red Make performs overhead. The akies of Easter canopied the land With their delicious blue, One smiling April day You journeyed far away

Before the chestnot buds ; were quite You took the bloom from every tree, You left no spring or summertide to me, But only dreary hours And heart remembered flowers. -Canadian Magaz

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, June 17th, 1897 .

A party of 'cyclists went to Hillsburg or a trip on Saturday afternoon. Strawberries are much later in maturity this your than usual.

Street sprinkling should be so live of oct now. The builders are busy again at the we I the Beardmore & Co. and the Acton

Tanning Co. An addition of sixty-four vata is being made to one of the tan yards, new drying loft of four storys is to be put up and bark sheds built. The annual meeting of the Christian Eadeaver Society of Knox Church was held last week, at which meeting J. R. Ken-

nedy was elected President and Miss T. McQueen, Secretary. Esquesing is in a fair way to securing mpreved roads. The Council has wisely expended \$500 in three new road machines. Mosara, Mann and McKengle bare secured the contract from the C. P. R. for building the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. The fifth angual convention of Halten Christian Endoavor Union was held in the Methodist Church yesterday. There was a good attendance, the delegations from Training and Nelson being large. The programme was excellent throughout and consisted of addresses and papers by both ministers and young people. Capt. A. L. Noble, of Norval, was elected 1st. Vice President and George Vincent, of Acton,

2nd Vice President. Queen's Jubileo next Tuesday. Jubileo pervices will be held in all the churches on

Hill, -In Brampton, on Saturday. June 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, a daughter.

IS THEY SEE IT IN NEW YORK

"I'm surprised at you, Sammy," said the toacher, "that you cannot tell me when Christopher Columbia discovered America What does the chapter heading of the week's lesson read ?"

"Columbus-1402," replied Sammy "Well, isn't that plain enough?" asked the teacher. 'Did you never see it before ?' "You'm, you'm," answered Sammy, "but I always thought it was his telephone num-

GVED DO CIDIANS DECORATED

A special despatch from Dolhi, India, "The Vicerey, Lord Chelmaford, at special parado held at the vice regal lodge, presented military medals and orders to two hundred Indian officers and man. The

scone was brilliant and impressive. "General Sir Charles Monro and a large number of the headquarters staff and public were present. "The decorations included three Victoria

Crosses and several French and Russian "Un to the end of December, the centra Imperial Rollef Fund, exclusive of certain Bombay and Madras provincial funda-

mounted to \$3,450,000."

SMOKING "This rime may seem a silly joke," Remarked old Mr. Snipe, "But, if you want a stove to smoke, -Just take away its pipe."

"This rime may seem a ailly joke." Baid wise old Mother Fant, "But, if you want a boy to smeke, Just tell him that he can't." -Newark (O.) Advocate.

-Cincinnetti Enquirer,

AN AGE TEST One time, when Whistler was walking about London with a friend, he was accost

od by an unspeakably dirty street urchin. who saked him for a peany. "How old are you, my boy ?" asked the "I'm seven, air," replied the gamin. "Oh, no, my lad, you must be more than

"Gar on !" answered the youngster portly, "I ain't no more por seven." "Do you really believe," he inquired anxiously, "that he could have get as dirty

coven years old."

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