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**Our Ottawa Letter.**  
The Ottawa Citizen is looking for  
information. In its yesterday's issue  
it asks, "Is our Northwest so unat-  
tractive to settlers that the Hon. Mr.  
Sifton can induce no more desirable  
immigrants than the Galicians and  
Dankoborts and other riffraff of  
Europe to colonize it; cannot any  
British colonists be induced to come  
out here?" The records of the Im-  
migration Department will answer  
that question fairly well. Up to May  
30th, there were 2364 English, Irish  
and Scotch immigrants registered in  
Winnipeg, for settlement in the West  
this year, nearly 1000 more German,  
French, Belgian and Scandinavian  
and over 2000 from the United States.  
During the same period there were  
only 2307 Galicians, so that the pro-  
portion is two Britishes and Americans  
to one Galician. It is worth while  
noting also that whereas 2364 British-  
ers came in under the Sifton admini-  
stration during the first five months of  
year, only 300 were registered during  
the same period of 1897 and only 353 in  
1896 while the figures from the United  
States during the same period to com-  
pare with 2300 of this year were 94 and  
11 respectively. In other words there  
were nearly seven times as many  
British and American settlers brought  
in to Canada this spring than in the  
last term under Conservative manage-  
ment. Is the Citizen answered?

When the critics of the present Im-  
migration policy are so anxious to en-  
lighten the public, as they appear to  
be from the amount of space editorially  
and otherwise that they have de-  
voted to the subject, it would appear  
to be only fair that they should  
occasionally quote the facts and leave  
the public to do their own thinking.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC  
SERVICES.**  
Like an oasis in a political desert, is  
the action of the Board of Trade and  
National Club, of the City of Toronto  
in recognizing the services of the  
Postmaster General, and too much  
public appreciation cannot be shown  
for such national service rendered.  
The Board of Trade on Wednesday  
last was largely attended by the lead-  
ing business men of the Province,  
irrespective of politics, and the dinner  
the following night at the National  
Club was equally non-partisan. Both  
these non-political bodies have proved  
themselves worthy of their traditions  
by rising superior to party politics.  
Their past history records many in-  
stances where they have honored  
themselves in honoring public men—  
Sir John Macdonald, Hon. Alex. Mc-  
Kenzie, Hon. George Brown, Sir John  
Thompson, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and  
many others have in the past enjoyed  
their hospitality and received marked  
approbation at their hands, and every  
recurring instance of a like nature  
must be of estimable service to Can-  
ada by its recognition of the principle  
that the first duty of public men is to  
their country and not to their party.  
The extreme partisan need have no  
fear that occasions like these referred  
to will injure his party cause if that  
cause also be first and foremost, the  
interests of the state.

**MR. DRYDEN'S POSITION.**  
According to the Mail & Empire the  
Hon. John Dryden, Provincial  
Minister of Agriculture, is in an in-  
finitely worse plight now that he has  
demonstrated in the courts that he  
was done out of his seat by the most  
unblushing bribery and corruption,  
than he was before the trial took  
place. It is also declared that the  
election of his opponent Mr. Calder  
"a strong friend of popular liberty  
and an essentially honorable man  
helped to raise Ontario politics to a  
plane above the nepotism of office  
grabbing to which it has descended."  
If the elevation of Ontario politics are  
to be secured by such extensive  
debauchery of the electorate as was so  
abundantly proved in South Ontario,  
it is more than likely that the honest  
majority will conclude that the  
remedy is "infinitely worse" than the  
disease. And if the candidate defec-  
ed by such means is in "an infinitely  
worse plight" after the rascality is ex-  
posed then before, it is likely that not  
a few defeated supporters of the  
present Provincial Government will  
find themselves in that "infinitely  
worse plight" by the time that the  
balance of the election trials have been  
disposed of.

**CANADA'S FINANCES.**  
The completed statement for the  
financial year ending June 30th, has  
been made public, and, in ample ful-  
fillment of the preliminary indications,  
the net result of Canada's business for  
the year is a surplus of over one and  
a half million dollars. The comparison  
of the practical results of the past two  
years with that of the previous ad-  
ministration is instructive and inter-  
esting. The deficit of the previous  
four years had amounted to consider-  
ably over \$6,000,000, and the last of  
this deficit, in 1897, amounting to  
\$500,000 was due to the expenditures  
necessitated by the extravagance of  
the past. This is the first year in

which a fair opportunity has been  
given to test the working of the  
Liberal policy, and the result is such  
that the Government and the country  
may feel entirely satisfied to continue  
along the same lines. Not only has  
the ledger been balanced, and the new  
year opened with a substantial  
amount to its credit, but the condition  
of every department of industry is  
such that the improvement will con-  
tinue yet more rapidly for many  
years; indeed for as long as the same  
policy is pursued.

The expenditure under the Liberal  
administration has been heavy, but  
every dollar of it is there, and doing  
splendid service for the people. The  
millions that are being devoted to the  
deepening of the St. Lawrence canal is  
but one instance of the practical ap-  
plication of business principles, a score  
of others might be enumerated; and  
so long as the people see that their  
resources are being husbanded and de-  
veloped, that the best results possible  
may be made out of our magnificent  
heritage, so long as they are satisfied  
that the money is being used for  
legitimate purposes and not squandered  
in Langevin blocks, Curran bridges,  
Caron manipulations and Haggart  
railway deals, so long will they be con-  
tent to leave the management of the  
country in the hands of her present  
administrators.

**ALL CANADIANS ARE BROTHERS.**  
The spontaneous expression of  
sympathy which has been called forth  
by the terrible disaster that has be-  
fallen the city of New Westminster is  
a strong proof of the growth of that  
bond of common interest that is year-  
ly more closely uniting the widely  
separated Provinces of the Dominion,  
and the manner in which substantial  
assistance is following that first  
expression of sympathy indicates  
that the feeling is a genuine one. It  
is within the memory of all but the  
youngest of our citizens, when British  
Columbia was scarcely thought of as a  
part of the Dominion, and one could  
only reach it by way of the Pacific  
Ocean, while its citizens spoke of the  
rest of the country as though it was a  
foreign land.  
It is not the first time that the cities  
of the coast have met with dire  
disaster, and have risen from their  
ashes with marvellous vitality and  
there is no doubt that New West-  
minster will give yet another example  
of the magnificent staying and grow-  
ing powers of our glorious West.

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**Letter from Mr. Nicholls,**  
To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

DEAR SIR,—On Monday we visited  
the Zoological Gardens and Madame  
Tussauds which is enough for one day.  
Madame's contains wax figures of all  
the notables for ages past up to the  
present. We also went into the  
Chamber of Horrors and among other  
murderers saw Mrs. Maybrick. On  
Tuesday we went to Wellington  
Barracks and witnessed guard mount-  
ing and followed the band to the old  
palace yard where we listened to the  
fine music then went off Oxford St. and  
Piccadilly and to Swan and Edgar's  
large store which was in existence  
when mother was a youngster here.  
We were fortunate enough to obtain  
a ticket for the Royal Mews which we  
next visited and saw all the horses,  
harness and equipages belonging to  
the Royal Household. We saw the  
eight creams used at the jubilee and  
had a seat in the carriage used by the  
Queen at the Coronation. This rig  
only weighs 4 tons but it sways easily  
and it is like being in a rocking chair.  
In the afternoon we took in West-  
minster Abbey and in the evening  
went to Battersea Park which con-  
tains the subtropical plants and had  
our lunch by the river side. On Wed-  
nesday we went by boat from West-  
minster Bridge down the Thames to  
London Bridge and on the way passed  
the historical Cleopatra's Needle.  
Upon our arrival at London Bridge we  
went through Billingsgate Fish  
Market to the Tower of London,  
which is the oldest structure in  
London, built in the 11th century.  
The walls are 13 ft. thick and was  
used in ancient times by royalty as a  
palace. The armories contain arms  
and military outfitings of very  
ancient date. We also saw the crown  
jewels, but they were under lock and  
key behind bars, so we had no chance  
to bring any away. From thence we  
went to Tower Bridge, the finest  
structure of its kind in London, and  
we had the pleasure of seeing it open  
to permit a ship to pass under.

The next place of interest was the  
East India docks, where ships to New  
Zealand, &c., were in waiting to be  
unloaded and reloaded. They are all  
sailing vessels and of immense size,  
some 450 feet long. From the dock

gates we entered the finest piece of  
engineering known to the world.  
"The Blackwall Tunnel," opened in  
1897 by the Prince of Wales. It is 1 1/2  
miles long and built under the Thames  
on the bed of the river and is well  
ventilated and lit by electricity, is  
used for foot passengers and vehicle  
traffic, and when going through the  
only objection we had was we couldn't  
talk on account of the noise made by  
the bus. We then went to Greenwich  
and visited the Hospital, Naval  
Museum, and Painted Hall, which is  
devoted almost exclusively to Lord  
Nelson. Here we saw the clothing  
worn by him when killed, and all his  
jewelry, medals, &c. We then visited  
the Naval School where sons of  
sailors are trained for service, the  
authorities having built a ship on land  
for the purpose. We then went  
through the Park and visited the  
Observatory, where we set our watch  
to the correct time. From here a fine  
view is obtained of the river and sur-  
roundings. In the evening we went  
to the Shakespeare Theatre and saw  
"The Belle of New York." This  
morning we went into the city and I  
called at Cook's and bought two tickets  
for Paris, and called on Mr. Green,  
brother of Miss Green of the Hill, and  
we found that P. G. Savage, mayor of  
Richmond Hill, had been there in July,  
but unfortunately Mr. Green was away  
at that time. I was more fortunate,  
and spent a pleasant hour with that  
gentleman. From there I hunted up  
Fred James, a former schoolmate of  
mine, and a nephew of David James  
of Thornhill. London life appears to  
agree with him and he is doing well.  
I then went to Massey-Harris agency  
and received a copy of your valuable  
paper which was eagerly devoured.  
In the afternoon we went to the  
Crystal Palace and stayed for the  
fireworks. This is a wonderful build-  
ing entirely of glass and contains  
most of the sculpturing that was  
placed there at its former building in  
1851. It is now located at a place  
called Sydenham, about 13 miles from  
London, the fare including admission to  
Palace being 1s. We went up the  
palace by lift and when at top which  
is 700 ft. from ground, had a beautiful  
view of Surrey and London in the  
distance. The place was lit up by  
thousands of colored lights and truly  
it was the grandest spectacle I have  
ever beheld. Talk about the Toronto  
fireworks, they are nothing when com-  
pared with these. There were alto-  
gether 39 displays and included among  
others the Battle of Manila Bay, a  
bicycle race, the mouse ran up the  
clock, a frog he would a-woooing go,  
&c.

I will have to close now, Mac. Re-  
member me to all enquiring friends  
and tell them we are both enjoying  
ourselves and in perfect health and  
tired.  
H. A. NICHOLLS.

**Oak Ridges**

The picnic held at Bond's Lake on  
Wednesday afternoon of last week by  
the congregation of St. John's Church  
brought a large number of friends and  
neighbors together, and a pleasant  
social time was the result. A good  
fowl supper was partaken of in the  
grove at Bond's Lake, and earlier in  
the afternoon the young people made  
good use of the boats.

There was a goodly attendance at  
the Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
in the church on Thursday evening.  
The church was prettily decorated for  
the occasion, and the various kinds of  
grain and fruit and vegetables arranged  
with deft fingers bore testimony to  
the good gifts of Providence. Rev.  
Jas. McCallum preached an excellent  
sermon from James 1, 16 and 17, "Do  
not err, my beloved brethren, every  
good gift and every perfect gift is  
from above, and cometh down from  
the Father of lights, with whom is no  
variableness, neither shadow of turn-  
ing." The choir sang appropriate  
selections.

On Friday evening, September 30th,  
Rev. F. C. Heathcote will preach at  
7:30 p. m. from the Lord's Prayer. A  
subject so interesting will no doubt  
draw a large congregation.

Miss Bessie Culverwell of Toronto  
is visiting with Miss Emily Legge.  
Messrs. Charles and Nelson Legge  
who are attending business college  
wheeled up for the Thanksgiving ser-  
vice Thursday evening.

Mrs. Legge, wife of the Jefferson  
postmaster, has been visiting friends  
in Orangeville.

Work on the power house is pro-  
gressing, and a number of the farmers  
and laborers are getting employment.  
Mr. Geo. Jefferson has sold his farm  
to Mr. McDougall.

Bertie, the young son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Thos. Beynon was interred in St.  
John's church cemetery yesterday  
afternoon.

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