

"LO" IS NOT DYING OUT

AS A MATTER OF FACT INDIAN IS HOLDING HIS OWN.

The Noble Redman, Who Once Owned Canada, Now Numbers 104,956 Souls and the Eskimo 4,600—Ontario Has the Most Aborigines Within Its Borders—Education Works Wonders.

Our native population—the descendants of the ancient lords of forest and stream—is divided into two classes or races, one of which is well known, but the other is seldom thought of as forming part of the population of the Dominion. These two races of aborigines are the Indians and the Eskimos.

Both conceptions are wrong. So far as numbers are concerned, the Indians are holding their own fairly well, numbering according to the report of the Department of Indian Affairs recently issued, 104,956, while of Eskimos there are 4,600 within the limits of Canada—a total native population of 109,556.

EZRA'S HARD LUCK.

It Began With His Name and Ended on His Tombstone.

Tom McNeal of Topeka was talking to Abe Peters about luck, so Tom reports. Tom thought there was no such thing as luck, but Abe protested. "Take the case of Ezra Boil," said Abe.

"Then he died. When they were taking him to the cemetery the team pulling the hearse ran away going down hill and scattered the remains of Ezra along the side of the road.

A LIVING TOWER.

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Conkling's Inveective.

Roscoe Conkling, like John J. Ingalls, was a master of invective. Conkling, it is said, once upon a time in summing up to a jury thus attempted to belittle the testimony of a rummy faced, knob-nosed witness for the opposition:

Contradictory.

Randall—I've written an article on "Why Men Do Not Marry" and illustrated it with photographs of dreadful looking, strong minded women.

She Knew Best.

Visitor—Tell me now, professor, are you suffering much from your head ache? Professor (to his wife)—Say, Amella, do I suffer much from my headache?—Fliegende Blätter.

Counting the Cost. O maiden, you are fair to see! O maiden, will you be my bride? Say that you'll run away with me And be forever by my side.

That hat is a bewitching thing It matches your sweet eyes so blue. I like that droopy sort of wing That ribbon bow's a daisy too.

That hobbie skirt is quite all right. It surely does appeal to me! Perhaps it is a trifle tight. Oh, what a comfort you will be To me through all life's winding ways!

So you'll elope, my pearl of pearls! You're sure the step you'll never regret! Of course, sweetheart, I love you yet. But still—ahem—I'd better state I'm not eloping, thanks, today.

Capacious Commandments. "A little girl at our church," said a Cleveland minister, "kneel beside her mother while the commandments were being read.

"Mamma, how many?" "Sh! hissed her mamma." "But, mamma, how many prophets are there?" "Why, Isalah, Jeremiah, Habbakuk, Jonah, Haggai, Malachi, Zephaniah, dearie. I can't think of all of them without looking them up, but I fancy there must have been about twenty."

The Disappearing Balance. I can never figure my bank account out. I'm always in trouble and always in doubt. And just when I think I have lots to go on The bank sends a notice—"Accounts over-drawn."

Although I can't see any reason for it. I'm sure I am right in the balance I claim. But they make me come through when they ask, just the same. And they smile in a way condescending and bland. When I say their system I can't understand.

These Things Will Happen. "Say, do you see that chromo over there in the blue dress?" asked the man standing next to him at a dance.

The card club's started up again; Once more they pay their dues To battle now with might and main For stuff they'll never use.

The card club meets at two o'clock. Once more the chatter starts. While dealing spades and hearts. Once more the cut glass war begins. And when they homeward go Once more we'll see their wagging chins.

The Prudent Wayfarer. "Take this greatcoat, my friend. It belonged to my dear husband, who has just gone on his long journey."

The Eternal Question. The boy stood on the burning deck, Whence all but him had fled. He hailed us as we neared the wreck. "Have you a match?" he said.

Maud Muller said when came the judge, "At last here is my catch." But all the jurist said was: "Fudge! My pipe's out! Girl, a match!"

In Wrong. "Is this your fiancee, Ed?" asked Jones, picking up a small portrait of the mantlepiece.

Political Partings. The campaign soon will slip away, The contest will be o'er. And friendships will revive, they say, To last for four years more.

He Was Safe. The Minister's Wife (inquiring after black sheep)—And how is your son doing since he went to New York?

Mean Cuss. "Your face will always light my way," Said Algernon to Maude. She never knew he meant to say That she was lantern jawed.

In One Spot. Rollo—Has Wally a steady position? Edgar—Yes. He stands in one spot holding an advertising banner for a clothing store.—New York Globe.

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