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ODE TO CANADA.

By Robert Matheson, Editor Chicago British American.

Swift as the lightning's vivid beam
Flasheth from east to west,
So runs the thrill of brotherhood
In each Canadian breast,

Instinctive as the needle's flight
To its magnetic pole,
So turns each true Canadian heart
As to its destined goal.

As graven on each exiled palm
The name of Zion shone,
So deep enshrined in every heart
Is Canada's proud throne.

Wherever the honor of our land
Is touched by foreign foe
There leaps to life a fervid flame,
A patriotic glow.

From ocean shore to ocean shore
Her wide domain extends,
From inland sea to frozen pole
Her kingdom never ends.

The wave that frets Atlantic coast,
That laves Pacific shore,
The iceberg in the Arctic seas
Her sceptre floateth o'er.

Her deep soil, tickled by the hoe,
Shall laugh with harvest mirth,
Her boundless prairies yet shall fill
The garners of the earth.

Hurrah, hurrah for Canada,
The young, the free the brave,
In all her grand Dominion
Her flag floats o'er no slave.

O God of Nations, be the guide
To lead our nation on,
Should North and South as kindred drops
Be mingled into one;

Cemented with adamantine bond
With noble motherland;
Ours youngest among nations
We independent stand.

May Canada's glad mission be
To aid the coming dawn,
When like an overflowing sea
The gospel tide flows on.

And man to man a brother is,
And nations disarmed,
And all are one in Christ's wide fold,
Love banishing all fear.

Adam Brown, M. P., on the Liquor Question.

(Calgary Herald.)

A Herald reporter had an interview with Adam Brown, M. P. for Hamilton, on the liquor license question in the territories, yesterday. As many of the Herald's readers know, Mr. Brown has been prominently connected with public matters in Ontario, in municipal, railway and parliamentary matters for forty years, and is consequently eminently qualified to speak on public questions. Mr. Brown said that the liquor business being one of the burning subjects in the Northwest he had taken every opportunity of posting himself on the situation. He said he found that notwithstanding all the efforts of the Ottawa government through the agency of the mounted police to prevent the liquor in large quantities did find its way into the territories, and that those who had money could get their grog whenever they wanted it, and that during his very short stay in the territories he had seen not a few cases of drunkenness. He fully believed that the present system had a most demoralizing effect on the community, breeding contempt for law and order. He believes that the present law when enacted was necessary and served an important purpose, while the railway was being constructed and the Indian population was in preponderance. Now, however, that country is fast filling up with a population similar to that of Ontario, we are entitled to the same means of deciding the liquor and other questions of local interest for ourselves. He added that whenever he could make his influence felt it would be in favor of giving us such powers. He was of the opinion that a close license with the proper machinery for enforcing it would be much better in the interests of temperance and morality than the present system. The reporter asked Mr. Brown if it is not a fact that he is the founder of the coffee taverns in the city which he represents in parliament.

"I am," he replied, "and though not a teetotaler, I am a strong advocate of temperance and am prepared to do all in my power to put down drunkenness and promote temperance by such legitimate methods as I think will be productive of the best results in that direction."

CONSUMPTION.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to all suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 149 POWER'S BLOCK, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

The Bishop of Niagara's Annual Income.

Hamilton Times.

One of the matters wich continue to agitate the minds of the clergy and laity of the Niagara Diocese of the English Church is the proper establishment of the Episcopal Endowment Fund. The House of Bishops required as a condition of Niagara being made a diocese that it should provide an endowment of $40,000, with an annual income of $2,400 for the bishop. Bishop Hamilton has never received that sum, $2,117, the highest, being his income last year. The subject received a large amount of attention and was much discussed at the meeting of the Synod last June, when the matter was left with the Special Trust Committee. Mr. George Elliott, of Guelph, an earnest advocate of the fund, has issued a circular to the clergy and laymen pointing out the disadvantages under which the diocese will labor if the fund is not speedily raised to the requisite amount. Bishop Hamilton, at the last Synod, suggested that $75,000 be raised, and Mr. Elliott points out that even that sum will place Niagara below other dioceses. He makes a strong appeal to the wealthier members of the church for support in the undertaking. It is understood that a vigorous effort will be made this fall on behalf of the fund by Hamilton churchmen.

Evils of close Planting.

A promising orchard of three hundred trees, the property of a neighbor of mine, just beginning to bear and on which the owner realized $9000 last season, was sacrificed to the close-planting policy. The trees, which one year ago showed evidence of health and vigor, have assumed a sickly apperance. Cutting out every alternate tree, with a liberal dressing of fertilizers, will save the orchard if the owner has the intelligence and nerve to do it at once. But what a loss to the soil, this production of one hundred and fifty trees which can only be "cut down and cast into the fire." And "the survival of the fittest" will be set back two years at least by this plan of planting and then thinning an orchard. The apple tree demands a rich moist soil. If these conditions are furnished, it assumes large proportions and gives immense yields. Why, then, dwarf, starve and mutilate? It is not better to have five thrifty trees producing fifty bushels of healthy fine fruit than fifty trees with fifty bushels of wormy, knotty, gnarly specimens fit only for pigs and thieving vagrants? In the latter instance the soil is taxed to produce the wood of fifty trees instead of five. The cost of purchasing, planting, etc., all contributes towards swelling the contrast in the amount paid out. In the first instance you will be rewarded with satisfactory results; in the latter there will bedisappointment, loss of time and money and a failure to realize when your orchard comes in bearing. The same results comparatively, though not so rapidly, manifest themselves with regard to the vine. Too close planting will sooner or later result disastrously. The proper distance for setting apple trees is from thirty to forty feet; for the grape not less than fourteen to eighteen feet for vigorous growing vines. Of course varities, methods of training, root-pruning, top-dressing, etc., will modify these figures with regard to grapevines, but better have them too far apart than too closely crowded.—American Agriculturist for November.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE.—The Nov. Century begins the 37th volume and 19th year of the magazine; and the number is made notable by the beginning of several new series, or magazine "features." The most important of these is the first installment of The Century Gallery of Old Masters; engraved by T. Cole, and described by W. J. Stillman and by Mr. Cole himself. The engravings in this series were made in the presence of the original pictures themselves; they are actual copies, and unique in the history of art; for such careful copies have never before been made on wood. Another series begun in November is Mr. Cable's "Strange True Stories of Louisiana"; after a preface by Mr. Cable himself comes the extraordinary story of "The Young Aunt with White Hair," from an old French manuscript. "The Romance of Dollard," by Mrs. Catherwood, illustrated by Mr. Sandham, has two prefaces, one by Mr. Parkman, the historian, and one by the author. Mrs. Catherwood is a new author, and has broken new ground—Canada in its most romantic epoch. The first of Mrs. Foote's "Pictures of the Far West," a full-page engraving, is given in the same number. Among the leading contributions to this number are interesting installments of the Life of Lincoln and of George Kennan's highly important papers on the Siberian Exile system. The Guilds of the City of London are described by Norman Moore and profusely illustrated by Joseph Pennell; several Unpublished Letter of Lord Nelson are accompanied by two striking portraits of the hero of Trafalgar; Julia Schayer contributes a story entitled "Mistaken Promises"; Dr. Robinson answers, with the aid of illustration, the interrogative title of his article, "Where was the Place called Calvary?" Murat Halstead has a paper on "Gravelotte Witnessed and Revisited," accompanied by numerous illustrations; Dr. Lyman Abbott has a timely and thoughtful essay on the present tendency of religious thought throughout the world, under the suggestive title of "The New Reformation." There are Poems by James Whitcomb Riley, Geo. Parsons Lathrop, Joaquin Miller, T. W. Parsons, Helen Gray Cone, Edith M. Thomas. Other contributions include "Bird Music; The Loon," by Simeon Pease Cheney, "Mammy's Lil' Boy," a negro dialect crooning song, by H. S. Edwards, illustrated by E. W. Kemble, Memoranda on the Civil War, Open Letters by George Kennan, Rev. T. T. Munger, Richard Hoffman, and others, etc.

THE NOVEMBER ST. NICHOLAS, 1888.—This number begins the sixteenth volume. The first article is a charming sketch of girl life in the West, written and illustrated by Mary Hallock Foote. Mary E. Wilkins gives the remarkable experience of "Ann Mary," who had two Thanksgiving Days in one year, and from Octavo Thanet there is a stirring story of the reconciliation between two men at feud, and how it was brought about by the "Loaf of Peace." Cecil W. Franklyn tells us of the success of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" as a Play in London," and John J. a Becket relates the romantic story connected with "The Carving over the Sally-port" on Fort Columbus in New York Harbor. "Great Japan: the Sunrise Kingdom," and its changes through the revolution of 1868 is the subject of a short paper by Ida C. Hodnett; the experiences of Miranda, who spent part of Thanksgiving Day "In a Cellar" are described by Martha Wolcott Hitchcock, and "Elsie's Invention" of a self-adjusting, back-acting, hammocky easy rocking-chair, is justly celebrated by Charles Ledyard Norton. Of permanent interest and value are "The Queen's Navy" by Lieutenant F. Harrison Smith, R. N., a paper describing the British Navy and its maneuvers during the Queen's Jubilee, fully illustrated from photographs of the men-of-war; and the serial papers on "The Routine of the Republic," by Edmund Alton, which begin in this number and should be read by all young Americans and their parents who need to know—and who does not?—about the Federal Government in actual operation. Besides these, is a practical paper on "Wood-carving" by John Todd Hill; an account of the "Western Meadow-Lark" by Ernest E. Thompson, illustrated by an exquisite drawing; and a report from St. Nicholas's healthy offspring, "The Agassiz Association," and then we have barely enumerated the prose. All of these articles are richly illustrated. Of course there are poems, verses, and other pictures; by N. P. Babcock, Grace Winthrop, Lizbeth B. Comins, Margaret Eytinge, Oliver Herford and others, the departments, and a fine frontispiece from a painting by Romney.

According to the British Medical Journal half of all who live die before 17. Only one person in 10,000 lives to be 100 years old, and but one in 100 reaches 60. The married live longer than the single, but out of every 1,000 born only 100 are ever married. Of 1,000 persons who have reached 70 there are of clergymen, orators and public speakers, 48; farmers, 40; workmen, 38; soldiers, 32; lawyers, 29; professors, 27; doctors, 24.

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How They Count.

When talking about their gains, the Prohibition third party compares the vote of 1888 with the vote of 1884 in Maine, and with 1886 in Vermont. In Maine, as compared with 1880, there is a loss of 900, while compared with 1884, there is a gain of 811. In Vermont, as compared with 1884, there is a loss of 488, as compared with 1886, it is only 242. This is intended to be artful dodgery, but it reveals the hopelessness of the cause.—[Indiana Christian Advocate.

Mr. G. A. Kirkpatrick, was has just returned from British Columbia and the Northwest, found the crofter settlers doing well and apparently well contented with their lot.

Mr. Vizitela, a prominent bookseller of London, has been tried for publishing the works of M. Zola, which were held by the court to be improper literature, and was fined £100.

An East Oxford man who was out in Dakota this fall attended a regulation county fair at Plankinton. The exhibition consisted of a bull and a pumpkin. The bull got loose, ate the pie stuff and the fair ended right there.

Over 6,000 immigrants have passed through the Quebec Provincial office this season. They were on the whole, of a well-to-do and sturdy class. About one-third settled in the Eastern Townships and the rest drifted to the cities and west.

The city of Jerusalem is growing in size and population at a remarkable rate. New buildings are rising daily. Churches, gardens and institutes of various kinds are filling up the former desolate neighborhood to the distance of half an hour's walk beyond the old limits of the city.

The body of the man found in the woods near Beamsville has been identified as that of a wollknown character, "Billy the Tinker," who lived in the vicinity of Smithville, and who was accustomed to wander about the country. He has been missing since about the 1st of May last. He was about 60 years of age.

A correspondent asks what is the third city in population in the United Kingdom. It is Glasgow, with 524,000. The following list may be found interesting, as part of the answer:—

London	4,215,192	Dublin	352,082
Liverpool	592,901	Leeds	345,090
Glasgow	524,039	Sheffield	316,288
Birmingham	441,005	Edinburgh	258,820
Manchester	377,529	Bristol	221,935

Quite a curiosity in its way was posted up in the office of the County Court Clerk, Mr. S. H. Ghent. It is a list of cases for the Spring Assizes of 1858. The list shows that at that session, which opened on March 30, there were 218 cases to be tried. Nowadays one-tenth of that number is considered quite a list. Messrs. Sadleir and Barton appear as solicitors in about half of the cases.—Hamilton Times.

A Chicago gentleman of wealth and eccentricity has four fine children, the eldest 10 years old, and he has named them One, Two, Three and Four. The explanation of this curious momenclature is that he had so often seen the great dissatisfaction of children with names bestowed upon them that he resolved to simply number his offspring until they were 12 years old, and then let them select their own names. The children are pleased with the idea, and are great students of names.

The fifteen great American inventions of world wide adoption are:—1, the cotton gin; 2, the planing machine; 3, the grass mower and reaper; 4, the rotary printing press; 5, navigation by steam; 6, hot air engine; 7, the sewing machine; 8, the India rubber industry; 9, the machine manufacture of horseshoes; 10, the sandblast for carving; 11, the gauge lathe; 12, the grain elevator; 13, artificial ice making on a large scale; 13, the electric magnet and its practical application; 15, the telephone.

A curious case has just been decided upon an appeal in the Scottish courts. A young woman brought an action of breach of promise against a young man who admitted having been engaged to her. His defence was that she objected to his smoking, and finally said: "Choose between your cigar and me." He made the choice promptly in favor of the weed, and when she sued him the Judge held that, by offering the alternative, she was responsible for the swain's desertion, and the superior court sustained the decision.

A fat woman named Julien Mason, weighing 500 pounds, who has been exhibited at Montreal for some time, was brought before the recorder last week for refusing to pay her carter. The recorder fined her $4, which she gave him a piece of her mind and refused to pay it. He then created a stampede of officials, but was again finally brought before His Honor and fined another $5, which she also refused to pay. Upon being taken to the cells it was found that they were not large enough to receive her. The fine was finally paid by the party who has been exhibiting her.

The advantages which Pacific Coast hop growers enjoy over their Eastern competitors are strikingly illustrated in an article on the subject in the American Agriculturist for November, which is adorned with life-like views of Indian hop pickers going to their work, and of hop yards and drying houses in the Yakima valley. Cheap labor for picking, rich lands specially adapted to the crop at reasonable prices, and the almost total absence of lice or other pests which affect hops grown in other portions of the country, make the outlook for the hop industry on the Pacific coast very gratifying to planters there.

A wealth of illustrations of the highest quality adorns the pages of the American Agriculturist for November, making it one of the finest and most useful issues of this sterling magazine ever published. The leading article describes the Lakeside farm and herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle and thoroughbred Clydesdale, Hambletonian and French coach horses. The numerous illustrations of famous cattle and horses are reproduced direct from life, without the intervention of mechanical engraving, thus making the pictures so natural and true to life as to really mark a new departure in live stock illustration.

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A scheme is on foot to have the Toronto and Niagara conferences of the Methodist church united. It is thought that by increasing the field from which congregations may invite ministers much of the friction and unpleasantness that have occurred lately between the laity and the conference authorities will be obviated. It is also proposed to join the Guelph and London conferences, and make one out of the eastern bodies.

One of the cases to come before the Supreme Court next sitting, that of Hon. Wm. Macdougall v. the Upper Canada Law Society, is a case of local importance. The appeal is from the judgment rendered by the Ontario High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, by which it was ordered that Hon. Wm. Macdougall be suspended from practice for a period of three months, and continue so until the fees due by him to the Law Society of Upper Canada are paid. The appellant in his factum admits that he did not take out the certificate required by the Act. Mr. Walter Read, solicitor for the Law Society, says Mr. Macdougall practised in 1885. Mr. Macdougall's affidavit is to the effect that he never had any pecuniary or other interest in the partnership existing between the late Mr. F. N. Macdougall and Mr. N. A. Belcourt under the name of Macdougall, Macdougall & Belcourt. Mr. Macdougall says he has not practised as a solicitor for many years, nor has he any intention of doing so. Mr. Belcourt has been retained by Mr. Macdougall.

A convincing proof of the benefit to be derived from heavy manuring and thorough cultivation of the soil is afforded in the remarkable crop of potatoes raised by Mr. Carman, editor of the Rural New Yorker, on his experiental farm in New Jersey. He had previously made a bet of $100 to $50 that he would raise potatoes at the rate of 700 bushels per acre. Mr. Carman lost his bet, as the average crop per acre was only 583 bushels, but this is an euormous yield. His method of culture is thus described:—Trenches are opened 15 inches wide and 6 inches deep and three feet apart, measuring from middle to middle. Potato fertilizer, at the rate of 880 pounds to the acre, was then strewn in the bottom of the trenches, about two inches deep of loose soil drawn in over this, and all mixed together by drawing a Hexamer hoe along the trench. The potato sets were then planted a foot apart. Two inches deep of soil is drawn in over the sets, and potato fertilizer, at the rate of 880 pounds to the acre, strown over this and mixed as before. Also powdered sulphur, at 440 pounds to the acre, was strewn in the trenches, and they were then filled. The sets were mostly medium-sized potatoes cut in halves, each half having two or three good eyes. Summer care consisted in keeping the ground clean. The drills were not hilled up, but kept level. Shallow cultivation was practised. Paris green and plaster were used against the potato beetle. On one lot Mr. Carman raised 1,076 bushels, but the average yield was reduced by some seed which proved of inferior productiveness.

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