

STATISTICS

The October mortality statistics make a very good showing for Toronto. The deaths were 177 against 409 in Montreal, being, per 1,000, 13.93 and 25.95 on populations calculated at 120,000 and 180,000, respectively.

The return of the chartered banks of the Dominion on the 30th November calls for little remark. The circulation of notes shows a trifling decline as compared with the previous month, and a gain of nearly one million dollars as compared with a year ago.

The London money market shows no signs of weakening. The Bank of England rate of discount is still five per cent. and the open rate 4 1/2 per cent. while money rules at 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. on the Stock Exchange.

The "Miscellaneous Statistics" for 1887 just issued by the Ontario Bureau of Industries contain a great deal of interesting matter. One of the tables gives an account of our export trade in home productions since 1858.

The exports of manufactured goods have, of course, diminished by the operation of the tariff. They amounted last year to \$3,079,000, or \$100,000 below the average of the last twenty years.

The largest export of manufactures took place between 1866 and 1878, when the average was nearly \$4,500,000. The N. P. came in force early in 1879, and the export at once dropped to \$2,700,000.

The statement made by the vice-president of the Bank of Ottawa at the annual meeting of that institution that the surplus wheat crop of Manitoba and the Northwest Provinces would not exceed 5,000,000 bushels, has caused no small amount of comment.

Gen. Harrison's Capture

Ex-Congressman H. G. Barleigh, of Whitehall, tells a good story of Harrison, which goes to show that the President-elect is not so much of an iceberg as he has been painted. Several years ago a dinner party was given at Washington, at which Senators Harrison, Palmer, of Michigan, Warner Miller, Congressman Barleigh, and several other public men were present, nearly all of whom were accompanied by their wives.

To that old question as to whether or not marriage is a failure it may be said in a general way that it depends largely upon the number and value of the wedding presents.

A Tale of Toads

Our Colorado system of irrigation certainly suits the toads. Visitors from the older States remark upon the multitude of toads. The frequent floodings of the lawns give excellent opportunities for the study of toad life.

Down beyond the slope near the old sod corral is a shallow pool of alkali water. During the first really warm day in May great numbers of toads may be seen in that pool, making a joyful noise. I have stood for hours watching their queer performances, and trying to make out their significance.

Great is the capacity of the toad for the insects upon which he feeds. Voe to the bee-hives whose neighborhood is infested with toads. From the stomach of a little toad, not larger than my two fingers, I removed 39 honey bees, a potato bug and a hornet.

One day this season James called me into a certain back yard where sat, close up to a greasy bone, three small toads, elbows lightly touching. Every moment a fly alighted on the bone, whereupon one or other of the toads snapped it up.

Until this hot summer of 1888 I had supposed that toads revelled in heat. This season I had good evidence that like human beings, the toad has no fondness for the heated term, but that he appreciates the luxury of ice in midsummer. My friend Phillips has his ice-chest in his north porch. A small lead pipe conducts the water from the melting ice beyond the floor of the porch, where it drops two or three feet to the ground.

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An Important Event

London is curiously unmoved over the impending election for the new county council, which occurs next month. Except for the occasional advertisements by the candidates in the papers and sporadic editorial references, no one would get an idea that anything of the slightest importance was pending, when, as a matter of fact, it is the biggest Governmental change that has happened since the fall of Sedon.

The most stylish cloth jackets open over a lighter cloth waistcoat and have revers rolled back their entire length.

By this time the men who become ex-presidents of the United States know that they must look after their own welfare for the ungrateful republic, being done with them, does not, as a general rule, concern itself much whether they live or die.

Beauty in Woman's Face

No cosmetics are so capable of enhancing beauty as the smile of good temper and a desire to please. Beauty of expression is, more than any other form of loveliness, capable of cultivation.

1. Learn to govern yourselves and to be gentle and patient. 2. Guard your tempers, especially in seasons of ill health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayers and a sense of your own shortcomings and errors.

10. Study the character of each and sympathize with all in their troubles, however small. 11. Do not neglect little things, if they can affect the comfort of others in the smallest degree.

Green Ball Dresses

In contemplating the most novel costumes imported for wear at full dress occasions one is led to believe that dancing need not be a torture to the most popular last season, but are artistic creations, with Greek or empire drapery, and hide the lines of the waist, so that a pole-like effect is not obtainable.

One of the newest designs is in the modified Greek style, and is destined to be much worn at the opera and at dinner parties as well as dances. One dress made in this fashion is of delicate peach pink Naxos silk with a scarf of light fawn silk embroidered in threads of Japanese gold caught on the shoulders by a bow of pink ribbon.

The hair should be worn in a low roll at the nape of the neck to match these gowns, with the front in a high, fluffy bang or pompadour, and adorned with one or two ornaments. Sandaled shoes are also worn.

A more modified dress of the same style is made so that the shoulder-scarf is draped softly over the bust and fastened in at the waist by means of a broad, soft, silken sash. The end of the scarf falls across to the hem of the skirt and simulates an overdress.

Very Stupid Parents

"Ob what denomination are de chills?" asked an old colored preacher of a young couple who had brought an infant to him for baptism. "Sah?" said the young father, evidently perplexed by the word "denomination."

Just the Distinction

Young physician (at a consultation)—I have no hesitation in pronouncing the disease angina pectoris, complicated with muscular atrophy. Old physician—You haven't, hey? Young man, when you have been practicing forty years you will have learned how to hesitate, sir.

A Buffalo insurance man states that in 23 years the gross fire premiums paid in that city have been \$9,000,000 and the fire losses for the same period \$11,113,056. We strongly suspect there is something wrong in the figures.

Hypnotism at Berlin

At a late meeting of the Berlin Medical Society Prof. Virchow introduced a French physician, Dr. Feldmann, who made some experiments in hypnotism. A young man named Garrick offered himself as a medium. After a few seconds of the usual manipulations the medium fell into a deep magnetic sleep.

The Terrors of Gaste

The evening stars were rising slowly from out the mist that lay wide over the Summer Southern land. The twilight gloom was gathering fast over the earth, but gathering faster far over the heart of Rignald Font de Bont as these words, uttered in a low musical, but determined tone, fell athwart his ear.

Celeste Siperkins, why won't you marry weans? hain't I tuk yer ter every cirous that kin' erlong? hain't I allus gin yer all the lemondade and peanuts that yer kin eat? hain't yer allus kept me company? Why won't you marry weans?

Her father, Col. Chalmers Cicero Siperkins, was a Southern aristocrat planter and owned as many as 300 acres of good bottom land, seventeen head of stock, three mules and kept a hired nigger.

Celeste slowly drew off her new sun bonnet, that day purchased at the fashionable emporium of Jones & Cajo, dealers in hats, caps, boots and shoes, dry goods, groceries and a complete stock of all novelties, as proved by their printed bill-heads, and gazing straight into Rignald's eyes slowly said: "I kaint never be yourn."

Friends in Need, Indeed

A young woman, carrying a child about eighteen months old, sat in a general waiting room at the Union depot yesterday morning. She was sobbing in a heart-breaking fashion, and at times appeared to be hysterically indignant. Bystanders explained her grief. She had travelled from a village midway between Montreal and Quebec, and her destination was some point in Minnesota, where her husband was awaiting her.

The holders of Panama shares and bonds in the French provinces have heard from Paris, and are beginning to understand that the company has collapsed. They are to hold a meeting before the end of the week, and in already appears that they will hold the Chamber of Deputies responsible for what has occurred.

Emigration and Labor

Congressman Ford's Immigration investigation Committee has unearthed some startling facts at Pittsburgh and Detroit during the past two weeks. In one day's session in the former city it found that at least 500 pauper and insane immigrants had reached that part of the country since the law which was designed to regulate immigration had gone into force—a period of less than three years.

Bribery in the Presidential Election

That bribery and corruption in their grossest forms held high carnival during the late Presidential election of the United States seems established beyond all possibility of reasonable doubt. The more independent papers have ever since been crying out for an investigation. The "Christian Union," one of the most influential of these, now admits, sorrowfully, that there seems little hope that any such investigation will be held.

The Tower of Babel

The Eiffel Tower at Paris has reached the great height of 200 meters, or about 600 feet. A large flag was run up to apprise Paris of the event. The tower is now so high that, standing on a balcony overlooking the Boulevard de Courcelles, a spectator is able to see it reaching far away above the intervening Trocadero Hill and the tall houses standing thereon.

The governess in the novels is badly paid and meek, treated with little consideration and leading a miserable existence altogether. That is the theory. In practice it works out rather differently. A case has just been decided at Grimsby, England, where Miss Thomas, a governess, claimed damages for assaults alleged to have been committed upon her by the children she was engaged to teach.

The N. Y. "Morning Post" has come to the conclusion that the Sackville incident will bring about a good thing for the fame of the American people in foreign countries if it should in any way lead to a total abolition of the foreign diplomatic service of the United States.