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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situate, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.—A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT should be made at the end of three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 an acre.

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PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

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OLD CHRISTMAS.

Its Abandonment is Soon to be Complete.

"Twelfth Night" the "eve" of Epiphany, which has been observed since the fourth century of the Christian era in supposed commemoration of the visit paid to the infant Jesus by the three wise men who "came from the East." Epiphany always falls on 6th day of January, twelve days after Christmas. There was no ground for the observance of "Old Christmas" till after the reform in the Calendar, 1582, more than twelve centuries after the institution of the Feast of The Epiphany. The difference at first was only ten days, and so continued till 1700, when it widened to eleven days, the number dropped out of the count in 1752, when the reformation of the calendar was adopted in Great Britain and its possessions. The difference widened to twelve days in 1800, and to thirteen days in 1900. It will be thirteen days all through the next century as 2000 will be a leap year, which 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not. The change in the calendar, (from the Julian to the Gregorian), was made to bring the date of Easter into harmony with the reckoning established by the Council of Nice in 325, which took it for granted that the sun always is in the vernal equinox about March 21. The Julian Calendar, in use up to the time of the reform, allowed a leap year every fourth year, making the average year to contain just 365¼ days, which we now know is too much. But it was hard to make the average Britisher understand this a century and a half ago, and so he fretted about having been "robbed," as the change in Great Britain included a dating of the year from January 1, instead of from March 25, this making the legal year 1752 a very short one. The faint clamor now-a-days for an observance of Old Christmas suggests a paraphrase of the remark credited to St. Paul, in the sermon on Mars Hill, that this ignorance might have been winked at formerly, but now it is the duty of men and women to know better. Even the Russians, the last ones to stick to the Julian Calendar, are on the eve of abandoning it.

Painting China Red.

The Chinese paint the country red, figuratively speaking, on New Year's day. Red color with them denotes good luck and prosperity, and New Year's cards and invitations are on paper of that color. Every child gets its New Year's present wrapped in red paper, and red inscriptions are pasted over the doors of houses. These inscriptions bear characters praying for good fortune, wealth and happiness, and they are posted on each side of the outer doors. New pictures of Chinese generals are put on the front doors, and the houses are scoured and made clean.

The Exercise of Faith.

The Bishop of London, presiding over a Diocesan Women's Association meeting spoke on the "real truth" which underlies the tenets of the Christian Scientists, and which is being converted into a "gigantic heresy." "We ought," he said, "to approach our sick persons with far more faith than we have done. We ought to pray for their recovery with greater earnestness and hope, and we (the clergy) ought to lay our hands upon them with more expectation that they will recover." At the same time he asked every person who thought he had special gifts of healing not to try to exercise those gifts apart from the medical profession.

THE GRAND ROLL

OF PUBLIC GIFTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Over $100 a Minute Was the Christian Tribute of 1905—A Great Amount Was Given to Education.

Over $100 a minute! is the Christian tribute paid by 1905 to mankind's betterment and relief. The total is astounding unless one has followed statistics and become accustomed to eight-figure giving — $66,104,432! Yet records are necessarily incomplete. Much that is given passes without pubic notice and in the above total $5,000 has been the minimum to be considered. The multiplicity of small donations thus lost sight of would certainly raise the year's total to $100,000,000. Individual givers, too, are here accounted for only, which prevents the list from enrolling $500,000 which went to the suffering Russian Jews.

More than half has gone to the advancement of education. Eighty-three colleges and schools are named. Mr. Carnegie set by $10,000,000 for educators, followed by Mr. Rockefeller with another $10,000,000 for general education; while the tragic death of Mrs. Leland Stanford threw into this same scale $4,675,000 more.

The "baker's dozen" of most "lucky" universities was

Leland Stanford university	$4,875,000
Harvard university	1,500,000
Yale university	1,405,000
University of Chicago	1,150,000
Union Theological seminary	1,100,000
McCormick seminary	1,000,000
Millikin university	1,000,000
Columbia university	699,000
University of Virginia	610,000
Brown university	550,000
College of New Jersey (Princeton)	437,000
University of California	400,000

Following education the benefactions rank: To galleries, museums and kindred institutions, $7,024,000; to "homes," hospitals and asylums, $5,391,500, with $4,700,175 to miscellaneous charities. Church works follow with $4,242,757, and $1,993,000 for library buildings. Add $2,435,000 which came in gifts other than cash, though valued "officially," and this country is found to have received in all $84,089,432; $2,015,000 was sent to foreign fields.

The yearly givings have been: $47,500,000 in 1900; then $107,360,000 in 1901; then $94,000,000 in 1902, with 1903 beating that by an even $1,000,000; $62,000,000 in 1904, and $61,100,000 in 1905. For this last year the roll of honor, where one may rank the givers of millions, reads:

Andrew Carnegie	$14,099,000
John D. Rockefeller	11,635,000
Mrs. Jane L. Stanford	4,985,000
Stephen Salisbury	3,450,000
John C. King	2,000,000
General Isaac J. Wistar	2,000,000
Mrs. E. D. Rand	1,250,000
Henry Phipps	1,050,000
Margaret A. Jones	1,025,000
Mrs. Emmons Blaine	1,000,000
George W. Clayton	1,000,000
Benjamin Ferguson	1,000,000
Cyrus McCormick	1,000,000
James Millikin	1,000,000
Darius O. Mills	1,000,000
W. F. Milton	1,000,000

Levi P. Morton gave $650,000, Miss Helen Gould $700,000; Mrs. F. F. Thompson $650,000. Three other women who have generously helped the world's work are Mrs. T. F. Ryan, $225,000; Miss H. T. Gardiner, $200,000, and Mrs. Russell Sage, $75,000. Carnegie's givings have reached $115,582,633. The new year opened with the Yerkes bequest of $4,000,000 for an art gallery in New York!

The Ladies' Aid Society.

Church Recorder, Iowa.

We've put a fine addition on the good old church at home,
It's just the latest fashion, with a gallery and a dome,
It seats a thousand people—finest church in all the town,
And when 'twas dedicated why we paid ten thousand down;
That is, we paid five thousand—every member did his best,
And the Ladies' Aid Society, it promised all the rest.

We've got an organ in the church—the finest in the land,
It's got a thousand pipes or more, its melody is grand.
And when we sit on cushioned seats and hear the master play,
It carries us to realms of bliss unnumbered miles away.
It cost three thousand dollars, and it's stood the hardest test,
We'll pay a thousand on it—the Ladies' Aid the rest.

They'll give a hundred sociables, cantatas too, and teas;
They'll bake a thousand angel cakes, and tons of cream they'll freeze;
They'll beg and scrape and toil and moil for seven years or more,
And then they'll start all o'er again, for a carpet for the floor;
No, it isn't just like scraping out the money from your vest,
When the Ladies' Aid gets busy and says, "we will pay the rest."

Of course, we're proud of our grand church from pulpit up to spire!
It's a thing of beauty in our eyes, the crown of our desire,
But when I see the sisters work to raise the cash that lacks,
I somehow feel the church is built on women's tired backs,
And I can't help sometimes thinking, when we reach the regions blest,
That men will get the toiling and the Ladies' Aid the rest.

A Strong Contrast.

Christians believe that God created us when we were not. Hindoos believe that the soul is uncreated and that it has already existed forever as it will continue to live forever. Christians suppose that at death the soul enters "an eternal state," where it will continue forever, but Hindoos think of death merely as an incident in the long chain of endless changes which go on without beginning or end, unless indeed in rare instances some one attains salvation. Salvation to the Christian means heaven, but to the educated Hindoo it means absorption in the Deity and the loss of our individual existence. Save as it finds this salvation, then, the soul goes on and on forever and exists in a vast variety of forms—on earth, in heaven, in hell, as god, devil, insect, animal, man, having all experiences and undergoing every possible form of happiness and woe, though on the whole suffering predominates.

Why Wear Black?

Why is black regarded as the appropriate color for a minister's clothes? Not because it is the color of mourning garb, but because Martin Luther set that fashion. When in 1524 he discarded the monk's dress, the Electors of Saxony sent him some black cloth, which was at that time the fashionable color at Court, and he had his garments made of it. His pupils thought it proper to follow the cusom of their teacher.

A BRAVE WOMAN.

She Explored Lands After Husband's Death.

MRS. LEONIDAS HUBBARD.

After months of privation and suffering in the lands where her husband met his death, Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard, widow of the famous magazine writer and explorer, has returned from Labrador and reported, as the result of her hazardous trip, success in exploring the lands which cost that life. She traced the courses of two of the most important rivers in Labrador, the George and the Nescapee, to their headwaters and has, for the first time, placed the surrounding country on the map. She penetrated into the country of the dreaded Nescapee Indian, never before visited by white man or woman, travelling from the Labrador coast to Hudson Bay.

Mrs. Hubbard was born in Hamilton township, County of Northumberland, Ontario. As girl she qualified as a trained nurse, and took up residence in New York, where she was called upon to nurse Dr. Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., through a serious illness. It was a case on his part of love at first sight, and a marriage followed. The world knows how in 1903 her husband met his death, and it was to clear up uncertainties and also to complete the report of her husband's exploration that she undertook her recent journey.

A Peculiar Finding.

Recently in a bog near Roscommon, Ireland, a farmer, in digging, found a small wooden box badly decayed. Inside was a leather covering, and inside this again in a wrapping was a book entitled "Discourses on the Sacraments, by King Henry VIII.," in a splendid state of preservation. On an inner leaf is declared: "A Defence of the Seven Sacraments against Martin Luther, by Henry VIII., King of England, France and Ireland, to which are adjoined his epistle to the Pope. The oration of Mr. John Clark (Orator to his Majesty) on the delivery of this book to his Holiness; and the Pope's answer to the oration, as also the Bull by which his Holiness was pleased to bestow upon that King (for compiling this book) that most illustrious, splendid, and most Christian-like title of Defender of the Faith."

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Orange blossom is usually adopted for the bridal wreath in Britain, but Germany uses myrtle, Italy white roses, Spain red roses, Greece vine leaves, and Bohemia rosemary.

The custom of Christmas "waits" and trees is declining in England.

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A PITILESS TYRANT

A SOLILOQUY ON DEATH IS GIVEN.

He is No Worshipper of Rank—Death is the God of Worms—He Has Some Good Points.

Wesleyan Repositor.

"Death is the disturber of every man's felicity; an ugly shadow that darkens the brightest noon; a frost that defies swaddling clothes and the glow of summer. It is the great horror of every fancy, the great agony of every heart. A pitiless, pursuing, tireless, and unsated hungerer, whose maw expands as it feeds, and whose thirst grows with the rush of the fountain that slakes it. A discord shuffling between harmonies; a cloud black and baneful in the sky; a wind bitter and fierce over the waters; a thick, slimy mist in the air, and a sand waste on the earth, wherever we turn.

No submission for bribe, no flattery nor ovation, no prayer nor threatening, can avert him. He knows no time, no ceremony, no fear and no remorse. The king and the beggar, the rich and the poor, the tyrant and the slave, have his favor alike. Sleepers on velvet cushions, in dungeons, and upon the rack, clamor the roll-call of death. He carries a lantern the taper wick of which is fed by the light of souls struggling through pale faces toward eternity.

He is in the air, in the earth, in the sea, on the gleam of the sword, and in the foam that sparkles the rim of the wine-cup. The extinction of races is his inheritance, the wail of the world his music, its agony his banquet.

Death is the genius of graveyards, the god of worms. He snatches the king from his crown, the victor from his wreath, the judge from his ermine, and the bishop from his mitre. The hearth is made desolate and the altar reft of its worshippers. Lovers, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and friends are parted at his nod. Even the poor miser, who has pined and suffered a life-time, he robs from his gold. There is no expectancy he will not cut off, no honor he leaves undisputed, no seal unbroken.

Yet Death has some good points. His indiscriminancy is not without merit. He takes the whip from the tyrant, and the chain from the oppressed. He relieves the beggar of his rags, the sufferer of his pain, and the weeper of his grief. Death is a sterling democrat, a leveller, without stint or measure, and, withal, a righteous, impartial and unflinching judge. He feels no ferocity, for he has no will; commits no atrocity, because he is a tool. He saves as many buds as he blights flowers, from obedience rather than from instinct. Why should we fear him more than any other servant of God?"

A Chinese Courtesy.

The custom of New Year's calls came originally from China, where they are main features of the brilliant and lengthy New Year celebration. Every Chinaman pays a visit to each of his superiors and receives one from his inferiors. Images of gods are carried in procession to the beating of a deafening gong, and mandarins go by hundreds to the Emperor and that much maligned sovereign, the Dowager Empress, with congratulatory addresses. Their robes are gorgeously embroidered and are heavy with gold. The younger people call upon the elder. Children call upon their parents, pupils pay respects to their teachers. A light collation is offered every visitor, but no wine is served. Tea takes the place of strong drink. In China gentlemen never call upon the ladies, but upon each other, and the women make social visits among themselves. Nor is one obliged, happily to make all his calls on one day; all made before the 15th are considered correct.

Spirituality Its Essence.

Ohio State Journal.

A magazine writer says the church is in crying need of "business clergymen"; congregations he knows have grown from almost nothing to great size because of the business ability of pastors. The influence of the church will wane and dwindle unless men fitted to deal with administrative and financial problems enter the ministry in larger numbers.

We do not remember ever having seen the commercial trend of the age better illustrated than in this argument. Probably the writer would consider a great poet a great scholar, or a great statesman a failure unless his success were attested by the number of his disciples or the size of his bank account. Business ability is a good thing to have, whatever one's calling, but the need of the church is more true spirituality in its leadership.

The Lost Tribes.

Jewish World.

It was perhaps inevitable that the lost ten tribes of Israel should be sought in the Japanese, for their museums contain engravings of pictures representing a landing of the Jews in the days of long ago. A picture shows a procession in which soldiers and priests take part, the latter wearing hats of biblical pattern, and in which the Holy Ark is easily discerned. There is also a drawing that depicts Solomon receiving gifts from the Queen of Sheba, as well as models of his palace and the Temple. Strangest of all, the founder of Japan's dynasty of 126 emperors in 730 B.C.E. bore the same name ("Osea") as the last King of Israel (Hoshea), who was his contemporary.

Missioner's Rest.

A beautiful memorial to a noble woman will be maintained in the little city of Pasadena, Cal., the home of the late Helen Peabody, founder of the Western College for women at Oxford, Ohio. Miss Peabody, who died recently, provided in her will that her Pasadena residence, one of the loveliest in that lovely town, should be used as "a resting place for the weary Christians, either from the home or foreign field, and is to be called the House of Rest." For its maintenance money has been set aside. Miss Peabody willed all her other property for the advancement of missions under the Presbyterian church.

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THE DISHONEST CROWD.

The Public a Great Simpleton at Times.

Chicago British American.

The air is yet too thick with newspaper indictments of leading men in State, municipal, financial, commercial and social positions of honor and trust, to grant a clear view of the situation. The nation is feeling like a man just waking out of a stunning assault, sure that somebody has taken a mean advantage of his easy faith in the street crowd, but he hesitates to believe that the eminently respectable gentlemen in the policeman's grasp can have done it. The magnates of the Wall street district have been for a generation the pride of the average man, and most of them the idols of their circle and church. The old, old story proves true once more, the little thief gets social condemnation, while the big thief adds new jewels to his crown of hypocritical rascality.

The sting of it is, these lapses from genteel honesty need not have happened if the average smart man had been half as smart as he thinks he is. The great public is occasionally a great simpleton. It appoints directors who don't direct, overseers who wax chronically blind, officials who shy at office duty, and watchmen who lapse into absentees. Wall street a few years ago built a stock exchange, the like of which for costly gorgeousness surpassed Solomon's temple and the Queen of Sheba's palace combined. At the opening celebration the President said, "We have got every blessed thing—but business." Of course he must have meant legitimate business, for the other variety has evidently been flourishing right along. If our high financiers have not been doing legitimate business they have been "doing" the public beautifully. So long as margins show profits it almost appears as though the cream of the millionaire brotherhood have agreed to go for the dollar and let the evil one take the hindmost. Maybe that expert in worldly ways will not stop when he grabs the hindmost, the poor, weak, deluded victims, but will make a flying leap and carry off some of the foremost on the prongs of his fork.

Another Opportunity.

Thousands of Japanese have begun the study of English, and the more advanced are eager for literature. There are a few foreign books there of a good tendency, while the native product is sensational and risque. The mental famine suggests an opportunity for good influences in right cultivation of mind. At the Tokyo University are 4,000 Japanese students, at the College for Foreign Languages 400, and at other colleges 2,600 Chinese students seeking Japan's advanced ideas and courses.

The great English Missionary Societies are moving to fill the want. Over 2,500 volumes have been despatched to Japan as a gift, a Japanese steamship line carries them free, and an English lady has contributed a library building. "Books you have read" will be acceptable to the appreciative and ambitious students of the Kingdom of the Rising Sun.

Are Not Responsible.

A London vicar who recently conducted a mission among convicts at Dartmoor, declares after a deep searching into characters that intoxicating liquors are not responsible for serious crimes to the extent some people imagine. He is an ardent teetotaller and the revelation was a surprise. Many men undergoing long sentences had been life-long abstainers. But this only proves the more viciousness of their natures, since they were committing crimes in their full natural senses. The missioner was, however, touched by the respect and appreciation shown by the convicts to this message from the Bishop of London: "Always turn your eyes to the light and then the shadows will be behind you."

The First Cause.

Mrs. Logan.

The church may establish canons and make decrees, the legislative bodies may pass uniform laws, but they will avail nothing so long as the church sanctions and the laws legalize unholy first marriages. There is scarcely a minister or bishop or cardinal who has not solemnized marriages which he felt should not be solemnized. He knew that the parties to the marriage contract were unequally yoked, that there existed moral reasons why they should not be joined in holy wedlock, and yet he pronounced them man and wife, and added "whom God hath joined together let no man put assunder."

THE HERODS OF OLD.

Their Atrocities and Despotic Performances.

Herod was the name of a family which rose to power in Judea in the century immediately preceding the birth of Christ. They were of Idumean descent, but Jewish in religion. Herod the Great, second son of Antipater, Procurator of Judea, was born about 62 B. C., and in 47 B. C. was made Governor of Galilee. Ultimately he and his elder brother were made joint tetrarchs of Judea. Displaced by Antigonus of the Hasmonean dynasty, Herod fled to Rome, where he obtained through Antony a full recognition of his claims, and became sole tetrarch of Judea 40 B. C. On Antony's fall Herod secured the favor of Augustus, and obtained the title of King of Judea, 31 B. C. His reign was stained with cruelties and atrocities. Every member of the Hasmonean family, and even those of his own blood, fell a sacrifice to his jealous fears, and latterly the lightest suspicion sufficed as the ground for wholesale butcheries. The slaughter of the innocents at Bethlehem was quite in keeping with his character, but is not alluded to by Josephus; so was his ordering the death of his wife Mariamne and his two sons by her. Herod's one eminent quality was his love of magnificence in architecture. He married ten wives, by whom he had fourteen children. He died 4 B. C.

A Touching Psalm.

Prof. McFadyen, writing on the 126th psalm, asks: "What shall we say of such a lyrical gem as this? Within the compass of six short verses, the highest heights are scaled, and the deepest depths are sounded. We pass from laughter to tears, and from tears again to laughter. The sob of the exile echoes across a score of years; then Jehovah has done great things for them, and they were glad. Within their old ancestral city they send up ringing shouts—shouts which turn to something like despair, as they see how unlovely that city is, despite all her ancient and holy memories. We see the tear-stained face of the man who bears his seed, and knows not how long and how wearily he may have to wait for the harvest. We hear, too, the ringing shouts of harvest home, as the laborers come back from the master's field with their arms full of sheaves. Tears and laughter, sorrow and joy, dejection and exaltation, exile and redemption, dreams both stern and lovely, spring and autumn, Israel and heathen—all pass in rapid and moving succession across the verses of this marvellous lyric. All life is here; the changing moods which are but too familiar to every human heart are reflected here with the fidelity of a soul which had known it all only too sorrowfully well."

Where Science Dictated.

An advanced young woman, who rejoiced in academic degrees, attacked a clergyman distinguished for his deep reading, with the intention of proving to him that science has destroyed the myths of religion. "Madam," he said finally, "I once knew a member of your sex who perfectly reconciled science and religion. She is a prominent member of the Young Women's Christian association and she was making an address to a large gathering of women, which was interrupted by a terrific thunder shower. She shared with many the awful fear of thunder and lightning and trembled in silence for a few moments. When a blinding flash was swiftly followed by a frightful clap of thunder, she struggled to her feet and began to pray: "Oh, Lord, take us under Thy protecting wings, for Thou knowest that feathers are non-conductors."

Church Choirs.

The voluntary members of choirs deserve far greater appreciation than is sometimes shown to them. They are often confined to the study of such music as gives them little or no training in their art; and if they do render a difficult piece, there are not wanting cynical opinions that it is sung for their own glory rather than to help the congregation's worship. They attend a weekly "practice," often at considerable inconvenience. They make their regular Sunday attendance (and how regular many of them are!), a binding duty. By their help musical service of a church is made hearty and uplifting. Those who serve the church in the choir are rarely referred to in personal acknowledgements. Those who know the best value of church organizations make no such omission.

Many a church is praying for more consecration when it needs to put more in the collection.