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THE REMITTANCE MAN

HE IS SUBJECT FOR A RECENT LECTURE TO ENGLISHMEN.

a Writer Says That the Despised Wastrel Have Often Made Good, But the Practice of Sending Oseless Lads to Canada is a Shabby Trick for Britons to Play.

strenuous residents of our oversea the most diverse circumstances. The cipient answer, "Oh! he's only a remittance man," instantly conjures up a complete mental picture that would horrify the subject could he but see it For by the name-at any rate, in Canada-is understood someone who prefers to rely upon more or less regular doles of money from his connections, rather than to live by the results of his own efforts. It is this nititude and its usual results that cause the contemptuous regard which no one who has had much experience of the "remittance man" can feel to oe other than fully justified.

Mr. Pardoe goes on as follows to discuss what he calls "a minor prob-

It is not the fact that a man receives remittances that damns him in the eyes of his fellows, but rather

his own attitude towards life. Western Canada-from Winnipeg to Vancouver Island-gives plenty of opthis statement. There one might find -probably may still find-numbers of "remittance men," young, middleyou, our Studio is on the aged, and old, English and European, even Canadian. The typical "remittance man" might be described as a Picture Framing. Wallpaper, young old-country man who, having no decided ambition, has been sent by his friends to the new country, tion, or, if that hope is foredoomed. that he may live his slack life where it will not discredit his family. It is most unfortunate that in Western Canada so many subjects of the former worthy experiment should be discredited at their start by a name . Flutcheson earned by the examples of the latter most unworthy expedient. For, as has already been observed, specimens of the latter class are continually in evidence. They may be seen at all stages of their useless careers, drinking at the bars of little Western hotels in the first flush of their periodic wealth, or painfully working for bare board and lodging till the next dole comes along, loafing, barely tolerated, around the clubs in town, or idling the months away in the country till there is a fresh purseful to dissipate. They are of all sorts and of all characters, from the merels and weak to the actively view eif i are easy frey for those who want merely the money.

> at a dismal picture of me, but it is a true one. If or man is a "remittance man" eart he had far better be kept at ome, where the amenities of civilization exert a firmer check on his idle propensities, than be shipped off to where there is less restraint. In the latter case there is no salvation for him, unless, while he is still young and can summon some energy, his people cut off his supplies and he is forced of necessity to work and earn. But while this is a true picture, it is only so of a small proportion of those who are for some part of their career in receipt of remittances. The "remittance" idea is good, and in many cases its application is fruitful of the very best results. Nothing could be more cruel than unnecessarily to pitch forth the ordinary youngster, possibly straight from school, into the midst of-to him-entirely strange conditions, without supplies to enable him to profit from society, or to take advantage of opportunities that will come when he has gained the neces-

for dize it-they are

sary experience, or "horse-sence," to see and to grasp them. Supplied with money a boy may, and very likely does, throw care to the winds-in fact, make an utter fool of himself for some time or on some occasions; fut the vast majority of such youngsters, either by pure luck or simply because it is in them, presently strike something that wakens their latent ambition and leads them to find in their hitherto wasted remittances the nucleus of capital to establish prosperous businesses. If instances are wanted take these-all of them at one period typical young irresponsible remittance men, and all of them well known to the writer. One young spendthrift landed in a Western townlet, and was for some time the boon companion of all chance acquaintances. It is an open question whether his people would have been the more and provision, of liquids when he had money, or at the sight of him, in what had been his best clothes, washing out the milk-cans at the local creamery when his supplies were gone. That was in the early 'nineties. He is now a prosperous his province. The capital for his first ventures was supplied by hoarded re-mittances. Another prodigal—in a time of poverty—engaged himself as a laborer on a survey party. His wages plus remittances were used to help im pass his C.E. examinations, Since then his investments of his earnings from his own surveying contracts have made for the erstwhile roysterer

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It is surely unnecessary to multiply such instances. Any observer who has lived a considerable time in the West can point to numerous cases within his own experience. Scores of Canadian business men once found in their remittances from home the In an Article in The London Graphic | means of clearing off periodically the arrears of necessary living and clothing expenses that their salaries as junior clerks could, by no stretching, have covered unaided. All these are, or were once, just as truly "remittance men" as the drones who are the cause of the addition of the name to the Western vocabulary, though Few names carry with them more they would as certainly join in the reproach than this in the ears of the general contempt which the title inspires. The fact is that the "remitstates, says S. G. Pardoe in The tance" is just another talent which London Graphic. "Who is so-and- may be either neglected or worse, or joke. may, by cultivation, fertilize enorso?"-the question may be asked in mously the other powers of the re-

> It is a foolish action, a gross injustice to Canada, justly resented by Canadians, for English families to send their wastrels to the new country, supplied with just sufficient wherewithal to be worse than useless. More, it is a vast disservice to the Empire to send abroad such objectlessons to bring contempt upon their country, for one such example causes more comment than many quiet workers. But, on the other hand, too much British capital goes to finance Canada unaccompanied by British heads and hands, and it is no bad plan to sustain the younger representatives of the Old Country through the probable rebuffs which might otherwise cripple, their energy and initiative in their early lives in their

HITS THE SOUTH TRAIL

portunity of appraising the truth of Robert W. Service Is Walking From

New York to New Orleans. Mr. Robert W. Service, author of "Songs of a Sourdough," "Ballads of a Cheechako," and recently of a novel, has hit a new trail. When the royalties from his famous Yukon poems ran up to \$5,000 a year, Mr. Service naturally wearied of his routine work as a clerk in the Bank of Commerce at White Horse, in the Land of the Midnight Sun. So he threw down pen and ledger, and disappeared. For a while, no one but his publishers knew where he was. Recently he turned up in New York. But the latest news of him is that he has tired of the sights and smells of Gotham, and has hit the trail again. He has started to mush it on foot from Manhattan Isle to New Orleans, partly, as he says, for physical exercise, and partly to pick up material for literary purposes. After lolling about in the languid atmosphere of levee city for a time, this Canadian Jack London will come horth again. He expects to striked foronto in March when all the clubs which make a specialty of material property distinguished

entertaining distinguished will be after him hot foot. But comes to blowing his own horn. He is a young man with an exceedingly retiring disposition, and its's pos-

account of his proposed jaunt was sent | we have to take each in turn. to the newspapers before he started out this week. The poet is simply folfore he went to the Yukon country and before he wrote anything at all. he tramped along the Pacific coast. through California, and further north, and learning of the ways of many ation." type of rough men, some of which he has so graphically pictured in his remarkable poems.

A Soldiers' Church.

The military church of any garrison town is nearly always picturesque, for it assumes something of the glamor day morning feeling at peace with of romance which hangs about the redcoat. The military church of Toronto is St. John the Evangelist, which | bath feeling in the air but more probhas been attended by the members of lably to the frock coat and top hat he the garrison for nearly half a century. Situated as it is in an out-of-the-way part of the city, the church is known | whom, -a boy of perhaps ten or elevto very few people, but among the not- en years,-was puffing vigorously at able men who made it their place of a cigarette. As they drew near the worship have been Hon. John Hil- doctor placed his hand on the should liard Cameron, Col. Mountain, and er of the youthful smoker and said many of the best known military men | in his best paternal manner "My boy, Alex. Williams, has labored for years ettes while so young you will never in that parish and numerous changes grow up to be a big man?" Immedihave taken place in his time. When ately the smaller urchin piped up. it is said that among Mr. Williams' | "But 'e's going to be a jockey, sir." parishioners are some who have been christened, prepared for confirmation, and married by him, it need hardly be added that he can remember when to the fashionable section of the city. and the district is now a poor one, wear and tear of the years, and in- adopted father's name. deed the structure seems to feel this fact itself.s At the recent jubilee ser- at Osgoode Hall, and David Kidd bevices, Bishop Sweeny was referring came David Burn. Then David Burn in glowing terms to the erection of the | set sail for Australia to get the money "splendid edifice," when as though for the great work in Toronto. to rebuke the eloquence a piece of plaster fell from the ceiling to the nouncement at Osgoode Hall that anfloor with a resounding thud.

They Can't "Learn" Us.

annoyed at the ignorance of some coming from the old land, but we seldom think of the heartaches which we in

in Montreal that a group of old Lon- At one time, when a river boss, he doners were talking. They had ex- was over Jim Hill, the railway magpressed disapproval of all Canada and nate, and Pat Burns, meat king, of of all things Canadian. Then one of Calgary. a position of influence and import | the number summed up by saying ance. Yet another, of similar habits | "The trouble with these 'ere bloomin' in the late 'eighties, multiplied his Colonials is that they don't know ments of his "unearned increment." | nothin'.

tories were poor, took full advantage er civilization must grate upon the of the rise of land values later, and finer feelings of a gentleman of this now, though resident in England, has polish.

married in Switzerland. Utilizing the waste heat from an au- life. tomobile motor, a Pennsylvanian has

cupants of a car warm in cold wea-

the "Fusser."

A STUDENT PRANK.

A university is never free from excitement or amusement of some kind. The latest tid-bit of news from Toronto is the adventures of a certain second-year man's trunk. This sophoened for a time to stir up another serious disturbance. Fortunately, howpensions or expulsions resulted.

gentleman in question had paid rather | province during the past season retoo frequent visits to Queen's Hall, turned to their homes delighted with were either jealous or disgusted. At many of such hunters in the field, any rate, they determined to have a and all had rare good luck. During

They took advantage of the sophomore's absence one evening (it hap- no fewer than 160 head of mountain pened this time that he was not at sheep and deer. The former are sup-Queen's Hall) to carry his trunk from posed to have belonged to a band of the residence to Queen's Hall. It was a heavy load, which required the services of eighteen men: They didn't all carry it at once, but relieved | big horn. Mr. Honeyman, one of this each other in relays. Along Hoskin avenue and across Queen's Park they struggled with their burden.

In the meantime, one of the men had 'phoned to a lady friend in the Hall, to inform her of the approaching cavalcade, and to ask the girls to be ready to receive the visitors. The girls, when they heard the news, crowded to the windows, but when they saw the eighteen men approach, their courage failed them, and with one mad rush they started for the tairs. The bearers of the trunk-opened the door of the Hall, and entered without the hint of faltering. The leaders saw two girls madly disappearing at the head of the stairs, and heard the rush of many feet above.

The boys left the trunk in the middle of the parlor floor, and went home. The girls soon came downstairs again, and began to open the trunk, which was unlocked. Alas poor sophomore! His inmost secrets were to be exposed! With cruel avidity, the maidens ransacked that trunk from top to bottom, and brought to light many strange and wonderful things-more varied than the contents of the proverbial small boy's pockets -and more interesting.

The story, of course, began to be known "around the halls," and at last reached the ears of the member of the faculty in charge of the residences from which the trunk was taken For a time it looked as it there was

going to be trouble and a series of wholesale expulsions. A meeting was called, however, and an amicable setrunk is back in the owner's

A Chair of Ceramics The question of a Chair of Ceramics in the University of Tozonto is

being discussed again. The Canadian Pottery Association, at its annual ses sion recently, recommended the establishment of such a chair. President Falconer, when interviewed; would not commit himself in regard to the subject.

"It is a matter," he said, "which sible he may prove to be an even bet. has been under consideration for sevter eluder of committees than Gen. eral years. We recognize that it would be a good move to establish a Mr. Service does not look upon his Chair in Ceramics, and until now, we tramp from New York to New Or- have done nothing, simply because leans as an advertising exhibition. No | there are so many pressing needs that "If such a chair were established, asked the reporter, "would it be in lowing an inclination. Years ago, be- connection with the Faculty of Appli-

ed Science?" "Yes," replied the president. "Prof. Ellis was investigating the subject just before I took my position here, meeting with all kinds of experiences, and he made a favorable recommend-

> When the Joke Was on Me. Dr. Clark, M.P., for Red Deer, Alberta, and who formerly practiced medicine at Newcastle-on-the-Tyne tells the following story which was

certainly "one on him. Walking down the street one Sunhimself and the world and particularly benevolent, due perhaps to the Sabwas wearing, he saw coming towards him two small urchins the older of of Toronto. The present rector, Rev. do you know that if you smoke cigar-

Must Change Name Again.

Ontario has almost forgotten the story of David Kidd, the Toronto the streets near St. John's belonged evangelist, who, for the rescue in Chicago of the daughter of an Australian Time has produced a great alteration | millionaire from a life of shame, was to be presented with thousands of cramped and smothered by great fac- dollars for the building of a rescue tories, but St. John's still retains the home for women in Toronto. The distinction of being regarded as the daughter died, and the Australian milsoldiers' church. The picturesque lit- lionaire adopted David Kidd as his tle building is beginning to show the son on the condition that he take his Accordingly, a deed poll was secured

The story is recalled by the another deed poll has been secured change his name again. He finds that he should be Burns, instead of Burn, and to effect the change the wheels Here in Canada we sometimes feel of the legal machinery had to be set

Was J. J. Hill's Boss. William M. Smith, a prairie pioneer, It was at the Bonaventure Station | is dead at Portage la Prairie, aged 79.

in motion again.

Shipping Potatoes to Cuba. A considerable trade is now being live stock possessions by invest- nothin' and you can't learn them developed between New Brunswick and Cuba. Among other produce, it been purchased by a violinist at He, prosperous while yet the terri- It can be easily seen that our rough- is expected that 500,000 barrels of pota- Strasburg. Germany, for \$2.50 from

> Milk and the yolk of eggs are the It is easier to get divorced than only foods which contain all the elements necessary to maintain human

> > Oxygen tanks, liberating gas into a bag in which a man's head and shoulders can be placed, feature a new rest but five and scientists are puzzled to cue litter intended primarily for mines, explain.

BIG GAME IN B.C.

How the Men Dealt Out Discipline to The Provincial Government Is Increasing the Reserves.

Chief Game Warden Bryan Wib liams, of British Columbia, who has just returned from a short tour through Lillocet, is authority for the statement that the past season has more lives in one of the residences, been an exceptionally good one for and the trouble with his trunk threat game of all varieties, and that instead of showing signs of exhaustion, the big game of British Columbia, ever; things cooled down, and no sus- are really on the increase. And this despite the fact that all the many It had been claimed that the young distinguished hunters who visited the the women's residence. The other men | the fine trophies secured. There were Mr. Bryan Williams' own stay eleven days in Lillooet, he counted about 160 frequenting the locality, and which are multiplying rapidlythe Montana brown sheep or common season's big game hunters from abroad, reported sighting 87 sheep and 2 deer in a single day, while he himself secured the limit of two sheep, two goats and two deer, all splendid trophies, in the short space of eight days.

For the further protection of the game, the Government has just adopt ed orders-in-council establishing three reserves, or rather enlarging two existing game reserves and formally creating as a game reserve the large tract in East Kootenay that for some time past has been operated as such by successive orders-in-council prescribing annual closed seasons therein. To the Talakom (Lillooet) reserve approximately eight miles have been added, the reserve now taking in the entire valley of the north fork of Bridge river and being decided upon for the particular benefit of the beaver, which are at present there-in numbers and of exceptional size. The new Fort George reserve lies between the north and the south fork of the Fraser river, with an approximate length of from on to 70 miles and breadth of between 30 and 40. This is a great moose country, containing also some lordly caribou and many mou ntain goats.

The East Kootenay (Rocky Mountain) reserve is now established as a regulation game preserve of approximately 2,000 square miles area. The game herein has been well protected during the past two seasons by prescribed closed seasons, and the wapiti now range the foothills in lordly bands. They are large and finer animals than the Vancouver is land wapiti, and are now becoming so numerous that by next season it is hoped that protection may be for a short period withdrawn and the hunters obtain a chance to secure some exceptional trophies.

The difficulty in acceding to the several requests that have been made for an earlier open season for the Kootenay wapiti is found in the fear that an inrush of hunters would occur and promiscuous slaughter follow, whereas if the sportsmen would but discriminate and pick off only the old bulls, good instead of harm would really result. The feed conditions and the climate in this district are ideal for the game, and there are no predatory wolves to work destruction among the deer herds as on Vancouver island, the result being that the Kootenay wapiti have greatly increased in numbers during the past few years.

Xmas Tree For Birds. In many places in Canada, as in other parts of the world, when Christmas comes with all its joy and happiness, boys and girls and older people, a well, do not forget that the dear ittle bird out in the cold ought to be remembered by Santa Claus, and they make a Christmas tree for the birds. says P. C. L. Harris of the Canadian Humane Society. "This is, I think, a most beautiful custom, because the birds have all they can do during the long winter months to get enough to eat, and it is a cause of wonderment to me how they do it. I have also often wondered how they live through some of the very cold nights. When we are all snuggled down among the blankets, those little fellows pack themselves away into some corner of the house eaves, or among the close branches of the cedar or spruce trees, and there they sleep all night, with their tiny heads under their wings, holding on tight so that the fierce wind will not blow them off. Don't you think that it is marvelous that so many of them live to rejoice with us when the bright spring days come

This custom is one which is being more and more widely observed in Canada_

Origin of Firewater. When the Hudson Bay Trading Co. began its trading among the Indiana it was found that by selling the Indians liquor they could more easily be induced to trade their peltries. The first whiskey or intoxicant of fmferior quality was distilled in England and brought to America in large barrels, but in transporting it overland it was found more convenient to divide it into small kegs. The traders soon became aware of the fact that by diluting the whiskey with water more furs could be obtained. This was practiced for some time, but the Indians learned that good whiskey poured on a fire would cause it to flame up, whereas had the whiskey been diluted the fire would be quenched. It was by this simple experiment that the term "firewater" became a common word among the

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