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OF CANADA'S GOVERNMENT SEAT BEING CHANGED?

Sir Richard Scott Answers Some Questions—Recalls That Kingston Was Once the Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The removal, by the order of the imperial government, of the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi, has caused some speculation in Ottawa as to the possibility some day of there being a change in the capital of Canada. And in that connection the question is asked: "What authority would have the right to make the change?"

When approached Sir Richard Scott, than whom few know as much about the B.N.A. act, said:

"Clause 16, of the B.N.A. act provides that, until otherwise otherwise directed, the seat of the government of Canada shall be Ottawa. But the matter would rest practically with the parliament of Canada, and the site of the capital could be changed by a vote of both houses."

"You see," went on Sir Richard, "Kingston was the original capital, and it was Lord Sydenham who, in his own will, changed it to Montreal. Then, when Lord Sydenham was rotten-legged in Montreal, he decided on the alternative system—four years at Quebec and four years at Toronto. There was no intervention of the crown in any of these changes."

"In 1857 the alternative system was found inconvenient, and as we could not agree on a site we asked Queen Victoria to make a choice and she chose Ottawa. But the queen did not interfere, mark you, until we asked her to. The crown would simply accept the advice of Canada as spoken by parliament."

"Then the continuation of Ottawa as the capital rests absolutely with parliament?"

"Oh, yes, certainly. If parliament decides to make the change it will be made without any obstacles from the imperial government. I am sure of that. Of course, India is a very different country to Canada and the imperial government has of necessity to be tolerated in this democratic country and which the imperial government would not think of doing here."

"Then some day, if western Canada should have a population greater than Eastern Canada, and a greater representation in parliament, it would be possible for the site of the capital to be changed to Winnipeg or some western port?"

"Quite so," replied Sir Richard, but he pointed out that a similar movement on the part of the western states to abandon Washington for St. Louis failed.

The fact that the change from Calcutta to Delhi will cost \$25,000,000 was led to guessing as to the cost of changing the Canadian capital. The likelihood that such a change could not be seriously proposed inside of half a century has to be considered, and it is asserted that before the time has elapsed the growth of the administrative work will have necessitated the creation of so many new and expensive buildings in Ottawa that the cost of removal would run up into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

All the same, there are those who argue that it would be a wise thing for Ottawa to be created into a federal district now, as a method of anchoring the capital down to this city.

The Secret of Keeping The Skin Wrinkle-Free

From American Family Journal.

The great secret of keeping the face smooth, wrinkle-free and refined in texture is to use an effective astringent when the skin shows a tendency to become loose or the pores to enlarge. The best thing of the kind is a simple solution made by dissolving an ounce of powdered salicylic acid in a half pint of witch hazel. Used as a wash lotion, this promptly tightens the skin, which, of course, smooths out the lines and wrinkles and reduces too-large pores.

Large pores, by the way, are responsible for blackheads, being so easily clogged with dirt and grime. The lotion referred to is, therefore, an effective blackhead preventive. It is also valuable in cases of sagging cheeks and chin, the astringent action, of course, serving to "draw in" the folds and obliterate the creases. Salicylic acid being sold by druggists generally in this country, any woman can make this lotion herself.

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A LAND WITHOUT A WOMAN.

Ten Thousand Men Osmprise the Republic of Mount Athos.

There is a womanless republic on a peninsula of Macedonia, in Greece, where 10,000 men live, studying and praying constantly, and where policemen guard the course to keep out women pilgrims and other persons who would make undesirable guests. Prof. Caspar-Lene Gregory, theologian of the University of Leipzig, and Prof. Gregory, the greatest of those located in Kansas City recently at the Fine Arts Institute, told of this most-unique of all countries.

"The place is Mt. Athos, classic peninsula of Akte, the easternmost of three little peninsulas, below Macedonia," Prof. Gregory explained. "It is called Mt. of the Twenty Monasteries, and was used in ancient times as a signalling station to Asia Minor. It is a real republic. There are 10,000 monks there, who govern themselves without interference from Turkey or other countries. There are no government buildings, no president or other officeholders.

"The only police force is composed of men who patrol the coast to keep out women and men who have no permit to enter this most exclusive of countries. Only those who have a letter of permission from the Greek patriarch in Constantinople are allowed to enter the holy place. The holder of the letter must present it in Karyes, the village capital of the peninsula."

Some reports have it, Prof. Gregory said, that this republic was formed in the ninth century. It is said that the foot of a woman has not touched the soil of the place for centuries. All the monks represent the Greek Catholic church. They work the soil some, but live chiefly upon contributions from pilgrims and the greatest collection of Biblical manuscripts is in the monasteries of this republic.

"It is the most interesting place in the world for the student of the Bible," the doctor said. "I have been there three times already, and I will never tire of going. There are in the monasteries thousands of Greek manuscripts, and hundreds of them are connected with the New Testament. Hundreds of students have studied many of these manuscripts very carefully, but there are other manuscripts that have not yet been read carefully. It may be that great discoveries valuable to the Bible students, will emanate yet from this great storehouse of manuscripts."—Kansas City Star.

THE CHANGING YEAR.

Lloyd Roberts in Knickerbocker Press.

Summer, autumn, winter, spring—Back and forth the seasons swing; Sun and snows returning ever, Like the wild geese on the wing.

When the clean sap climbs the tree, When the strong winds groan and howl, Dance the daisies on the hilltops To the thin tune of the bee.

When the golden moons hang still, Crimson flames run down the hill, And the water in the bayou Feels the waters growing chill.

Wood smoke mists the naked moon, Dead leaves shroud the forest floor; When the white frosts cross the threshold, Summer softly shuts the door.

Fade cold love and empty pain, Fades the sun and drifts the rain, Tips the world and slips the season, Swinging wide the doors again.

A Religious Eclipse.

Trenton Journal.

Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, chancellor of New York University, was talking about his desire for a larger and deeper study of the arts in American colleges.

"In youth," said Dr. Brown, "the taste is formed; and it will be a taste for fine and beautiful things, or else it will be a taste for tawdry and false things. We have great care it will be a taste of the latter sort, and be warned by the anecdote of the little Kiantone boy.

"This little boy was taken one summer day to the circus for the first time.

"Well, dear, how did you like it?" his mother asked on his return.

"His eyes widened, and he answered with earnest and grave enthusiasm: 'Mamma, if you once went to the circus you'd never, never consent to go to church again in all your life!'"

Decision Still Pending.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Scotch minister visiting members of his flock, came to a house where his gentle tapping could not be heard for the noise of contention within. After waiting a little he opened the door and walked in, saying with an authoritative voice, "I should like to know who is the head of the house?"

"Well, sir," said the husband and father, "if ye sit down, we'll maybe be able to tell ye, for we're just trying to settle that point."

A Frightful Thought.

New York Puck.

Mrs. Wayback (on first ocean voyage)—John, I heard a man say that if this boat was put on end it would be higher than the Washington monument. If they're going to do anything like that we better get right off!

A woman might as well propose; her husband always says that she talked him into doing it.

BASEBALL SPEED.

Batted Ball Travels Faster Than Express Train.

Ask any baseball enthusiastic how fast an average grounder travels during the first 100 feet from the bat, and his answer will be anywhere from 20 miles to 200 miles an hour. Split second watches and careful timing of many grounded balls have established the fact that the average speed of ground balls—that is, those struck by the bat of the batsman from a fair pitched ball, which strike the field before they land on a sixer's hands—go at the rate of almost sixty miles an hour.

Sixty miles an hour is 88 feet per second. A man who can run 100 yards in 11 seconds, which is fast running for anyone, particularly so for a man with baseball shoes and uniform on, can run 90 feet in 3.3 seconds. Is it any wonder that a ball which is fielded in its first 100 feet of travel usually reaches first just a fraction of a second before or after the runner sets his foot upon it?

Every man knows the many close decisions at first base form one of the fascinations of the game. The speed of the batted ball, the speed at which a fielder can travel from his position to the point where he can meet and field the batted ball, the speed with which he can stop the ball, pick it up, set himself for the throw, the speed of the ball across the diamond from his throw, and the speed of the travelling runner, are so nicely balanced that it is always a question of whether or not the runner will get there in time for the crowd to see the umpire's hands go down, or whether he will face a thumb over a shoulder.

Oster on Accuracy.

Sir William Oster has a hard time being understood. His chloroform theory still sticks to him. And, although the matter has been explained in the press, many Toronto people still think he has resigned his post as regius professor of medicine at Oxford to return to the United States because he has accepted the Silliman lectureship for 1912 at Yale University. This latter appointment merely calls for a course of six lectures at Yale at the end of next summer.

The "chloroforming" speech, by the most famous physician ever produced by Toronto, was made at the Johns Hopkins University on February 22nd, 1905, and still continues to be misunderstood. To show how easy misunderstandings are, even in the simplest matters, Sir William recalls a case he once had. It was that of a dyspeptic, and he advised the man to "drink hot water an hour before breakfast every morning."

Some days after Dr. Oster asked the patient how he was getting along.

"Well," replied the latter, "I can't work the hot water business."

"Why?" asked the doctor in surprise.

"I've tried my best," said the patient "but I can't keep it up for more than fifteen minutes at a stretch."

Sir William is now well past the sixty year mark himself, having been born at Bond Head, in 1849.

How to Kill Your Town.

Kick.

Keep kicking.

And don't quit kicking.

Go to other towns and buy your goods.

Denounce your merchants because they make a profit on their goods.

Knife every man who agrees with you on the method of increasing business.

Make your own town out a very bad place, and stab it every chance you get.

Refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the material interests of the people.

Tell your merchant that you can buy your goods a great deal cheaper in another town and charge him with extortion.

Take every cent you get, and don't do anything of a public nature unless you can make something out of it directly.

When you say anything of your town say it in such a way that it will leave the impression that you have no faith in it.

Promize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own, and then denounce it for not being as large as the city papers.—Ex.

Laurier Stories.

It is an odd fact that more stories are being told these days about Sir Wilfrid Laurier than were told a year, or even five years ago. The English papers are full of references to the liberal chieftain and the fine spirit with which he has met temporary defeat. Indeed, in his day Sir Wilfrid seems more famous than ever.

An admirer recalls—and it is an interesting fact to note just now—that Sir Wilfrid once described himself as "a liberal of the English school, a pupil of Fox, Gladstone, and Bright." It is said that in his early days in politics he read and re-read John Bright's speeches until he knew most of them almost by heart.

The prophecy of Sir Wilfrid's first law partner, after introducing him to the late Dr. Frechette, the poet laureate of French Canada, is also interesting to recall. "There's a head for you," he said. "Did you notice that head?" The young man who has it on his shoulders is sure to make himself heard in the world. Why, sir, he is an orator, a poet, a philosopher, and a jurist. Mark my words, he is the coming man."

How true this prediction was all the world knows.

No Need of Haste.

At a lecture a well-known authority on economics mentioned the fact that in some parts of America the number of men was considerably larger than that of women, and he added humorously: "I can, therefore, recommend the ladies to emigrate to that part."

A young woman seated in one of the last rows of the auditorium got up and full of indignation, left the room rather noisily, whereupon the lecturer remarked, "I did not mean that it should be done in such a hurry!"

No Wonder.

"How did that story pan out about the man up in the Bronx who found the big ballstones on his back stoop this morning?" asked the city editor.

"Nothing in it," replied the reporter. "He discovered it wasn't a ballstone, after all. The iceman left it there."



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