

THE BAROMETER OF THE POST OFFICE, THE READING OF WHICH SHOWS WESTERN CANADA'S GROWTH.

Several of Western Canada newspapers coming to hand during the last part of the year 1912 contained items of news such as the following, speaking of the Christmas work in the postoffice:

"Other years have been heavy and the employees have had plenty of opportunity of learning what it was to work overtime, but the past has had nothing equal to the present. Forty extra men have been employed (in Winnipeg), and mail trains have been run special. The increase in the mail this year has been due to the enormous influx of people into Western Canada during the season, and also the general prosperity which the prairie provinces have enjoyed. To the latter cause has been due the heavy increase in the number of parcels which have been shipped to the old country and Eastern Canada."

The above extract taken from a Winnipeg paper gives a fair idea of the great work that the Canadian postoffices have had all through the western prairies. During the past year hundreds of new postoffices were established, many of them at remote points from the railway, but all forced upon the country on account of the new settlements that have taken place during the year. It is said of the Canadian government that in its immigration and settlement policy there is nothing left undone to take care of the people and their welfare, whether it be in the new town along a new line of railway or in the remotest hamlet. This solicitude and care are not confined to the postoffice, but with every branch that has to do with organizing new districts. Bridges have been built, roads constructed, the district policed, and a dozen other things have to be done and are done. Is it any wonder that with the splendid land, the high yielding land, the land that is free to the homesteader or open to purchase at reasonable prices from the railway and land companies, that the Canadian immigration records for 1912 will show arrivals of upwards of 400,000, one-half of this being from the United States. The new literature being sent out by the immigration branch at Ottawa, and its agencies throughout the United States deals with many of the new and interesting features that will mark the work of that branch for the year 1913.—Advertisement.

Something to Be Thankful For.
Michael Meehan was the proud possessor of a brand new silk high hat. At the wake of his dearest enemy he had guarded it carefully, and as a consequence was strolling home with the tile unscathed. As he passed the site of a building operation, a lady acquaintance nodded pleasantly.

With an ostentatious wave of the hat, which exhibited it to excellent advantage, Michael bowed. At the same moment a brick sailed down from an upper floor and bounced from his bare skull. Upon coming to be inquired anxiously for the hat. A bystander restored it unharmed. Mike felt the egg-sized lump on his head occasioned by the impact of the brick, and then regarded his undamaged tile. "Begorry," he sighed in satisfaction, "it's lucky it is I saw the lady in toime!"

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NO PLACE FOR POOR

Mining at Dawson Available Only to Men With Big Capital.

Pioneer Says There Are Sections of the Yukon That Have Not Yet Been Scratched by Prospectors.

New York.—Henry Pinkiert, who used to be a merchant in San Francisco and went to the Klondike in 1897, and has been in business in or around Dawson City ever since, arrived recently at the Breslin. He says there are no mining opportunities in the immediate neighborhood of Dawson, except for men and companies with big capital.

"Dawson is not growing," said Mr. Pinkiert. "In the early days there were all kinds of mining right there on the ground for the individual, but now, for a radius of about 50 miles around the town, the territory is so worked out that only big corporations can make money working it, and these have taken up a great deal of the land. The biggest operations in the neighborhood are being carried on by a South African company, which owns or practically controls all the claims within that 50-mile radius that the Guggenholms do not control."

"In the days of the gold rush a man would stake his claim, which would run 500 feet. The moment he got that worked down to low grade he was up against a proposition that required dredges and hydraulic machinery to work on a profitable basis. The majority of small claimholders sold out, and some gave options. A few are still holding out for their prices. The government gives a man the right to hold his claim so long as \$200 worth of work is done on it in a year."

"But the situation at Dawson does not end the Klondike for the prospector by any means. I should say that part of Yukon territory is still in its infancy as a gold producer, in spite of the millions that have been taken out. The great difficulty has been getting into the interior. Small boats go up the streams now for hundreds of miles, but still there are regions practically unprospected. In the past few years the Canadian government has helped transportation by subsidizing these craft, and this makes it possible for miners to carry up their grub in the fall and continue their work in the winter. In my opinion, one of these days will see the discovery of some of these things that the Klondike finds seem insignificant. From Dawson to White Horse it is 410 miles and there are numerous regions on both sides of the way that never have been prospected."

"We lost a lot of prospectors eight or nine years ago. They went over the border into Alaska, where they seem to have done well. These included some of the best of our prospectors. Still about 250 men are working on Scrogg's creek this winter. They take out the frozen soil by thawing with steam and using pickaxes, pile it up and then put it in the sluice boxes for washing in summer."

"Dredges are now working longer in the neighborhood of Dawson than used to be possible. Of course, you

INAUGURATING THE PARCEL POST



Postmaster General Hitchcock mailing the first package by parcel post. It was addressed to Postmaster Morgan at New York and contained a silver loving cup, which later will be suitably engraved and placed in the National Museum.

cannot work a dredge in winter unless you boil the water about it to keep it from freezing. The dredge has to be turned around in order to be used. Before they got to doing this a dredge could not start to work until June 15, and it had to shut down in September. Now it can begin work May 1 and continue until the end of the year.

"Commercially, there is nothing doing in Dawson. Still, the business people there are in fine condition. "The dance hall element and all the undesirable part of the former population of Dawson have been weeded out," added Mr. Pinkiert, "and today the town is as clean as any in the world."

fourth battle squadron, which is based on Gibraltar. The Dreadnought has been in commission less than six years, and while not considered obsolete is more outclassed by the latest ships than were the pre-Dreadnoughts distanced by her when she was first built.

A few weeks ago the battleship King George V. was commissioned. She has a broadside of no less than 14,000 pounds. This gives her a superiority of 100 per cent. over the Dreadnought, which was only 28 per cent. better than the last pre-Dreadnoughts. The new armored cruisers even are 50 per cent. more powerful than the Dreadnought. No British armored ship is reckoned effective today that has been launched over 18 years.

At the battle of Trafalgar the 27 British ships averaged 27 years from the date of launching. The Victory herself was 50 years old.

Bobsled Cupid's Aid.
New York.—Cupid was a member of the party of forty youths and members from the fashionable section of the Bronx who went sleighing. When the party returned four of its members announced their engagement.

This once proud vessel is now considered so far out of date that she is being removed from the first battle squadron and assigned to the

MORE SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA

Czar's Policy Gives Impetus to Popular Education—Big Gain in Last Fifteen Years.

St. Petersburg.—Popular education in Russia is making rapid strides in advance; so much so that the next statistics of people who can neither read nor write, not long ago officially estimated at 60 per cent. of the total population, will certainly indicate a notable decrease. In the last fifteen years public instruction has immensely improved.

The existing system of state schools was founded in the second half of the nineteenth century, when the edict of the abolition of serfdom appeared. Until the year 1859 Russia only had 4,077 public schools. When, in 1864, the zemstvos were established, the number of schools increased rapidly and at the end of the sixties there were in Russia 22,770 schools with 1,140,915 pupils.

Under Alexander III. popular education made further advances, and at the end of his reign the number of schools had reached 43,285 with 2,970,000 pupils. Under the present czar educational matters have received increased attention. Thus the schools opened by the zemstvos were granted a state subsidy of \$190 for every fifty pupils, while the teachers got increases in salary.

At the present time there are in Russia 109,295 elementary schools and 6,180,510 pupils. Of these schools 56,910 have been opened under the reign of Nicholas II, the present czar.

Start Your Baby With Sound Health

Regular Bowel Movement from Childhood on Forestalls Future Serious Diseases

We cannot all start life with the advantages of money, but every child born is entitled to the heritage of good health. Through unfortunate ignorance or carelessness in the feeding of a baby its tiny stomach may become deranged. The disorder spreads to the bowels and before the mother realizes it the two chief organs on which the infant's comfort and health depend are causing it great suffering. If the condition is allowed to continue grave ailments often result.



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A negro clairvoyant who for some time masqueraded as a Hindoo, was recently visited by a collector, Mike O'Conner.

"Ah," smiled the clairvoyant, "ze genzelman want ze palm read?"
"No," said Mike, "ze genzelman has ze bill for you."

When the bill was produced the palm reader forgot his Hindoo ancestors and a stream of perfect English swear words poured from his lips.

"Ah," said Mike, smiling, "ze genzelman sounds more like ze Indiana Avenue zan ze Hindoo."—Indianapolis News.

Rooted in the Human Heart.

There is a smell in our native earth better than all the perfumes in the east. There is something in a mother, though never so angry, that the children will more naturally trust her than the studied civilities of strangers, let them be never so hospitable.—Lord Halifax.

A GOOD BREAKFAST.

Some Persons Never Know What It Means.

A good breakfast, a good appetite and good digestion mean everything to the man, woman or child who has anything to do, and wants to get a good start toward doing it.

A Mo. man tells of his wife's "good breakfast" and also supper, made out of Grape-Nuts and cream. He says: "I should like to tell you how much good Grape-Nuts has done for my wife. After being in poor health for the last 13 years, during part of the time scarcely anything would stay on her stomach long enough to nourish her, finally at the suggestion of a friend she tried Grape-Nuts."

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Trend of the Times—

Ex-Governor Pennypacker, discussing the divorce evil in Philadelphia, said, with a smile:

"In these times one never as the saying goes, knows where one is at. An acquaintance of mine extended his hand to me at the Historical society the other day and cried:

"Congratulate me! I am the happiest man alive!"

"I looked at him doubtfully.

"Engaged, married or divorced?" I asked."—New York Tribune.

Analyzing the Philosopher.
Finley Peter Dunne was sympathizing at a New York club, with a playwright, whose play had failed.

"Brace up!" he cried. "Take it like a philosopher!"

Then Mr. Dunne smiled the whimsical Dooley smile and added:

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