

Notes and Gleanings.

Steam has by no means made sailing vessels obsolete. The total number of them in the world is still 65,934, as against only 30,561 steamers.

A coin-in-the-slot machine has been introduced in Australia—that land of experiment and innovation—in the shape of a mail collection box arranged so that if a letter be dropped into one opening and a penny into another, the words, "one penny paid," are impressed on a corner of the envelope.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews are on the move from Russia and Roumania in search of a resting place, due in a great measure to persecution, and some of these are coming to the United States and Canada. The Zionists assist emigration to Palestine, South Africa and the Western Continent and to enable the refugees to become farmers and start suitable industries.

Over two per cent. of the membership of the Presbyterian church in Japan has gone to war. This is more than twice the proportion of enlistments from the general population. Sixty-one Presbyterians are officers in the army or navy, including Togo. "Christian patriotism" and "manly religion" are certainly not empty phrases in Japan.

Twice a year 80,000 men and boys scattered from one end of England to the other must be fitted out with new clothes. These are the employes of the post office department, and it is no small task to provide these garments, to say nothing of making sure that each is well fitted. The department uses 287 miles of cloth, 303 miles of lining, besides 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 buttons and the other things which go into the making of a garment.

It is said that the continual emigration of Roman Catholics from Ireland has so depleted the Roman Catholic Church in the island as to alarm the priesthood, and has led to the organization of an Anti-emigration Society. It does not appear that the population, as a whole, is decreasing; those leaving the island are, for the most part, Catholics who can not get a living there, and their places are taken by others not committed to the Church.

Great is a drop of water! Dr. Watts in his "Introduction to Spectrum Analysis" says that a single drop of water contains something like 9,556,000,000,000,000,000,000 molecules. Even then, it appears, each molecule would be subdivisible into three atoms, two of hydrogen and one of oxygen. And it is, of course, a matter of common knowledge that in every atom of hydrogen there are some thousand electrified corpuscles. Dr. Watts has this thing down pretty fine.

Japan is the leading fishing nation today, although the value of her sea products is surpassed by that of two other countries. The United States and Great Britain produce about \$45,000,000 worth annually, and Japan produces about \$30,400,000 worth. Japan leads in the proportion of the total population engaged in the fishing industry, in the relative importance of fish products in the country's domestic economy, and in the support given by the government to the industry.

The pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina during the past year has exceeded, in the number of Mohammedans, the record of the preceding forty years. No fewer than 92,500 risked the toil and the expense of journeying from all parts of the world of Islam and reached their destination. Adding to these the ordinary population of the holy cities of Mecca, Medina, Jedda and Taif, as well as the Turkish soldiers, camel-drivers, and Bedouins, no fewer than 160,000 were crowded together in these most pestilential centres.

PARLIAMENT.

The bill to establish a permanent census bureau was discussed. The great cost of the last census was criticized. It was suggested that the census be put in charge of the statistical branch of the Trade and Commerce department.

Votes for public buildings provoked discussion. The following are some of the votes: Canso post office, \$15,000; Glace Bay post office, \$15,000; total cost to be \$39,900; Halifax immigration building, additional story, \$11,000; Halifax immigration detention building, \$24,000; Halifax customs house, \$112,000; \$15,000 each for the post offices at Inverness and Shelburne; addition to public building, Sydney, \$2,500; post office at Sydney Mines, \$14,000, total cost to be \$24,000; post office, Souris, P. E. I., \$10,000; post office at Campbellton, N. B., \$16,000; St. John detention hospital, \$22,000; quarantine station, Partridge Island, \$22,000; armory at Woodstock, N. B., \$35,000.

The pure seed bill was again discussed. While there was no opposition to its purpose, objection from both sides of the House was urged against some of its sections as making the measure unworkable and the cause of much loss to farmers.

In answer to an inquiry, it was stated that a bait freezer establishment had been erected at Canso. The government guaranteed half the cost up to \$25,000 and a bonus for the first three years of \$4 per ton of bait frozen up to 500 tons. The plant is to be operated under regulations sanctioned by the Minister of Marine, and bait is to be sold to bank fishermen at the current market rate, Canadians to get a rebate of 10 per cent. The government had spent \$13,807 at Canso in connection with the establishment of improved methods of curing herring. The superior quality of Canadian herring for curing after Scottish methods had been fully established and new markets had been opened up. The work was to be continued.

Sir Wilfrid, in answer to a question, stated that 124,223 immigrants arrived in Canada during 1904; 17,056 of these were under 12 years.

Appropriations for repairs and improvements to various canals to the amount of \$1,100,00 were voted.

'PRAISE FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

Throughout the Province of New Brunswick there is no name more respected in musical circles than that of Mr. Max Sterne, formerly Professor of Music in Sackville Ladies' College. He is a graduate of the Stuttgart Conservatory of Music, and a well trained musician of high ideals and wide experience. Because of his undoubted standing the following unsolicited letter to the firm of Gourlay, Winter & Leeming concerning the Gourlay piano is prized by that firm. He says: "The pianos have arrived, and I have nothing but words of praise for the same. You have shown that a real, first-class piano in every respect can be made in Canada, and people purchasing pianos will not

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Marriages.

WILMOT-LEWIS.—At the residence of the bride's father, February 1st, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Harley C. Wilmot and Della M. Lewis, both of the parish of Moncton, W. Co.

JONES-CHAPMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, September 21st, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Oliver J. Jones, of the parish of Moncton, and Hattie E. Chapman, of the parish of Coverdale, Albert Co.

POTTER-JOHNSTON.—At Woodstock, January 11th, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Robert B. Potter, of Bailey's Island, Cumberland Co., Me., to Miss Aurable Johnston, of Woodstock, N. B.

GORHAM-EAMES.—At Woodstock, Jan. 16th, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Charles F. Gorham, of Brownville, Maine, to Miss Esther D. Eames, of the same place.

ASTLE-MARR.—On February, 10th, by Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Clifford Astle, of Blackville, N. B., and Miss Olive Marr, of Woodstock.

Deaths.

Fox.—At her home, from the effect of paralysis, February 8th, Theresa, widow of the late Frederick Fox, aged 75 years. She leaves four sons and one daughter, with other relatives and many friends, to mourn their loss. She was preparing dinner when she took the shock, and fell from the chair, and in a few hours was gone. She was a lovable woman, highly respected by her neighbors and all who knew her. The burial was largely attended, considering the day and the condition of the roads.—J. NOBLE.

BLIZZARD.—At the home of Milton Worden, Wickham, after a lingering illness, on December 31st, Frank Blizzard, aged 21 years, leaving father, mother and six brothers to mourn. Our

brother professed religion and was baptized by the writer in February, 1894, and united with the Wickham Free Baptist Church. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community, this being the fourth time in eighteen months death has entered their home and taken a loved child. Services by the writer.—S. J. PERRY.

JONES.—In St. John, on the 18th inst., after an illness of several months, Mrs. Harriet McL. Jones, aged 62 years. Four children—one son and three daughters, survive her. She was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Ezekiel McLeod. For many years she had been a Christian, and met death in the calmness of the faith of Christ, and in the confident hope of the Christian's eternal rest.

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