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INDIANS INCREASING.

Among the blue books which have reached this office is the report of the department of Mindian affairs for the year ending 30th of June 1895. Dealing with the growth of the Indian population the report says:-- "Probably no better proof can be afforded of the successful and benevolent treatment of the Indians than the fact that, although in parts of the dominion the Indians are at the most # trying stage of existence, viz., that of trana sition from the natural to the more artificial condition involved in civilization, their numbers have increased within the last year by somewhat over two thousand souls.' Dealing with the Indians of New Brunswick at adds:-"In this province the Indians do not depend so much upon farming, but support themselves mainly by working at lumbering, stream-driving, fishing, trapping furbearing animals and by the sale of their usual manufactures. Their earnings from these sources increased during the year by \$1,275,00, and their population by 50 souls, notwithstanding that a constitutional predisposition, which they seem to have, to weakness of lungs, which, aggravated by the exposure more or less incidental to their manner of life and their occupations, develops into consumption, has produced a good deal of sickness among them."

Jas. Farrell, Indian agent for the northern division, has this to say of the Woodstock reserve:- "There are ninety-two Indians on the reserve and in the vicinity of Woodstock. The births were four and the deaths three. All these Indians derive their living from the manufacture and sale of Indian wares, which are in good demand in the town of Woodstock and the surrounding country. The reserve, on which two-thirds of the Indians reside, is well adapted for farming, but, as a rule, they pay little attention to agriculture, only a small quantity of potatoes and a few other day there will be a public demonstration for vegetables with a little cats being raised. I | the purpose of giving shape to the movement, have time and again advised the Indians to send their children to a free school about a mile distant, but my pleading is of no avail. The great source of sickness among them arises from lung weakness, which, with more or less exposure leads to consumption and fatal results. Regarding their habits I must confess that it is of rare occurrence to see an Indian intoxicated. Their habits in general are good and commendable. On the Tobique reserve there are forty-one families. A school at this reserve under the supervision of Miss Edith O'Brien has an enrollment of from 28 to 37 and the average attendance 173. There are seven families on the Edmundston reserve at the mouth of the Madawaska river.

Mr. Farrell says that the total births for all parts of his agency were twenty-seven and the deaths nine. The total population is four hundred and seventy-five, being an increase of twenty-three, which is consequence of the births being largely in excess of deaths and of marriages that have taken place with the Indians of Pleasant Point, many of whom have settled on reserves of this agency.

Those who have time to read and are fond of reading will always be thrown in the way of fiction. And they will generally read fiction. Everything, almost, is taught through this sgency now. The reading world has, of late, been treated to a species of fiction which cannot be said to be of the most elevating nature. Indeed, its effect upon those who read, unless they be very intellectual, must be to debase. There is a writer of the age, whose aim is certainly to raise rather than to lower mankind. She is Marie Corelli. Many people will remember "Barabbas." It is a powerful tale, and the strictest sect of the orthodox may take exception to it, inasmuch | religious belief, in political opinion, in busias it puts the character of Judas Iscariot in a different light from that which is generally accepted as true. The latest book of this author is "The Sorrows of Satan." It is a most bewitching tale, and we do not envy the person who can read it through and not diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. Sold by feel that its influence has been for good.

It is true that it contains a peculiar mixture of the natural and the supernatural; but the authoress is not at a loss to point out that at certain stages in men's lives the supernatural must be forced upon them, even while the natural is all around them. "The Sorrows of Satan" is one of the books which to describe to the reader, would be to rob him of two-thirds of his interest.

The Bobcageon Independant has the fol-

lowing editorial note:--

A despatch from Berlin states that the Kaiser is addicted to a mixture of kirschasser and American whiskey. Sweet youth, a word with you. Kirschwasser or bock beer is amply good enough for your stomach. American whiskey will knock out a better stock and conduct the meetings of the local man than you in three rounds. But for the corps.

peace of Europe and the world, for heaven's sake don't mix.

Let us by all means have asphalt sidewalks on the business part of Main street this year. The rotten old planks, with grass growing between are a scandal snd disgrace to a progressive town like Woodstock. If Coun. Grant, who favors asphalting the Main St. sidewalks, insists on his scheme, he will win the favor of the community.

The city of Fredericton has done away with the tax on commercial travellers. It is time Woodstock gave up this absurd custom. There is no sense or reason in it. Commercial travellers who sell to the trader are an accommodation to the merchants of Woodstock, and are in no way competitors. They should not be classed with peddlers.

We publish this week the first part of an article describing a trip to Jamaica, and the island itself. It is full of interesting facts, and will be found worthy of perusal. The writer is a well known resident on the Upper St. John. The article will be concluded next

The North pole has been discovered at last—so it is said—by Nansen, a Norwegian explorer. If this piece of news is further confirmed THE DISPATCH will establish a branch office at the pole on the second anniversary of its birth, which will be in

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FOR UNITY.

Purposed Meeting of Anglo-Saxons at Philadelphia.

New York, February 17 .- The movement to bring about an Anglo-Saxton union, of which notice was given in these dispatches some time ago has already gained considerable momentum, and its promoters are greatly encouraged by the evidences of acute interest which they find all over the country.

They are not inclined to make specific predictions yet, but it can be said with some assurance that they will be greatly dissappointed if in the course of a month or two a call is not issued for a great meeting in Wash ngton, to which will be invited delegatesfrom all over the country to discuss the best form of action.

Several meetings of prominent citizens have been held here in the last three weeks, and in Chicago there have been numerous conferences for the same purpose. And now it is announced that on Washington's birththe immediate object of which is to advance the cause, of international arbitration. The call is signed by some of the leading residents of the city, and it is their purpose to make the conference in some measure a fitting successor of the meeting of Congress at which the Declaration of Independence was adopted. Following in the cext of the call:

We extend a cordial and earnest invitation to you to be one of a number of representative men to attend a conference which it is purposed to hold in Philadelphia, February 22nd-Washington's birthday.

The object of this conference is the advancement of the cause of international arbitration, and especially--as a timely and practical application of that principle-the creation of a permanent court of arbitration for the peaceful adjustment of difficulties that may arise between the United States and Great Britain.

The time is evidently ripe for such a movement, in view of the recent crisis. and of the strong popular expressions from leading Englishmen, including Mr. Gladstone, Lord Rosebery, the Bishop of Durham, Cardinal Vaughan and others, of the friendship towards this country, and a desire to secure the settlement of future troubles between us by peaceful and reasonable methods, rather than by force.

A frank and cordial response from our people to these friendly overtures may at least pave the way for the establishment in practice of a great principle. This would be victory of untold value to civilization and humanity, and an event fit to celebrate the close of the century.

Will you kindly exert your influence with us to render this project successful. At a latter date information of our arrangements in detail will be sent to you. A prompt response, in view of the brief time at our disposal, is requested

Address Herbert Welsh, secretary, 1305 Arch street, Philadelphia.

The letter of invitation has already been signed by men who are thoroughly representative of the city, men widely separated in ness and the professions. The unanimity of opinion which they have shown, as to the importance and desirability of such a gathering, is striking and encouraging.

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NOTICE.

Application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick at its present session for the passage of an act to amend chapter 86 of Acts of Assembly 58th Victoria entitled "An act to Incorporate the Tobique River Log Driving Company" by changing the day for holding the annual meeting of said company from the first Tuesday in April to the second Tuesday in April.

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