

PERMEATED BY YANKES.

Over a Hundred Thousand of Them in the British Empire's Capital.

LONDON, July 22.—One of the most flourishing of American cities, doubtless the most wealthiest in proportion to its population, and certainly the most fashionable, has never been mentioned in any census report and has never had a board of aldermen. Outside of its inhabitants few realize its existence, and yet it is growing faster in size and influence than any boom town in the West is growing today.

Its only name is "the American colony in London." Careful estimates have placed its fixed population at between 20,000 and 25,000, and its transient population in the season at 100,000 more.

By stretching the letter of the truth to express the spirit of the truth, it can be said properly that this American city on English soil has four representatives in Parliament and (what is more important) some 70 representatives in the social government of Great Britain—women, that is, whose husbands are in the House of Lords or House of Commons.

Of the four "American" members of Parliament three were born in the United States. The other Henry M. Stanley, although born in Wales, under the name of Rowlands, was adopted by an American, Mr. Stanley of New Orleans, whose name he took when he was a small boy, and like the three others, had to be naturalized before he could enter Parliament.

Two of the other members are Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett and his brother, William Ashmead Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, the former born in Brooklyn in 1849, and the latter in Plymouth, Mass., in 1851. Their mother was one of the Ashmeads in Philadelphia. They came to England before they were in their teens, and have lived here ever since. Both were graduated with honors from Oxford.

Sir Ellis, who got the handle for his name by being made a baronet in 1892, was first elected to Parliament in 1880, and was Civil Lord of the Admiralty for seven years. He has represented a district of Sheffield in the House of Commons for the last four years.

The young Bartlett is a bright, affable and really able man, who would have made his way in the world in any event, but who achieved that end at the age of 30, in a manner that was sensational, by marrying the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, aged 67, by whom he was employed as private secretary.

Mrs. Grundy was in high dudgeon over the affair at the time, for the baroness was reputed to be one of the richest women in England, but she and her husband have been happy together for 18 years, and he although he took his wife's name by royal license, instead of giving her his name, has been as active and energetic as if he had poverty to spur him along. The baroness is one of the world's greatest philanthropists, and her husband, who was her almoner before he became her spouse, has continued his work of managing her vast charities. One of the benevolent organizations she helps to support is the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which she is the founder. It is said, by the way, that the baroness not only lost favor at court by her romantic marriage, but also lost part of her fortune, which came to her from her grandfather, an eccentric old banker, who used to go about so shabbily dressed that on one occasion a passer-by, pitying his apparent poverty, tried to give him a coin.

The fourth "American" member of the House of Commons represents the Boston section of the American colony, for he bears the famous name of Channing and is a nephew of New England's great preacher. His father was the Rev. William Henry Channing of Boston. Francis Alliston Channing has a large influence in Parliament, owing in part to the interest he has taken in agriculture and labor reforms. One of the most conspicuous decorations of his library is a beautiful engraved testimonial from a great trades union acknowledging his efforts in behalf of the labouring classes.

Mr. Channing came to this country when a boy, and was educated at Oxford, where he gained the Chancellor's English Essay and the Arnold Historical prizes. He took honors in classics and mathematics, and became a lecturer of University College. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1885, and has been there ever since. He was appointed a member of the Royal Commission of Agriculture, was made chairman of the Chamber of Agriculture in 1894, and is president of the Land Law Reform Association. His interest in educational matters is likely to make him particularly prominent in the present session, in which one of the most important bills to be discussed will be a measure intended to bring some order out of the present confusion in the control of secondary education in England. Mr. Channing is an advanced Liberal. Mrs. Channing, who is one of the most charming of women, is a daughter of Henry Bryant of Boston.

I asked Mr. Channing if the fact that he was an American by birth had been brought up against him when he was first chosen as a candidate for Parliament.

"I believe," he said, "that the subject was mentioned by my Conservative opponents,

but it was quickly dropped. It was actually a point in my favor. It has been my experience that there is a deep, strong underlying spirit in England of friendship for and sympathy with the United States. It was shown conclusively at the time of President Cleveland's Venezuelan message. It is reasonable to suppose that if any other power had sent that message to England war would have followed instantly. The message was more exasperating than Emperor William's famous despatch to Kruger about the Jameson raid, yet the pronounced feeling upon the receipt of that message was almost universally expressed in this form: "We must not fight with our own kith and kin if any concession at all consistent with dignity can prevent it."

I told him of the joking remark of another member of Parliament to the effect that if the United States kept on sending citizens here to live at the rate recently observed, England would soon become an American colony. Mr. Channing laughed and said that it would probably be some time before England began to feel any alarm on that score.

"One fact, however, is noteworthy," he continued, "and that is the social success of many of the American women who come here. To attribute this to ambitious pushing on their part is, I think, erroneous. The American women whose social popularity has come within my range of vision have been favored because of their simplicity, personal charm and lack of affectation. It is their freshness and spontaneity that has carried all before them. I should say to any American woman wishing to be well received in London society, 'Be simply yourself and nothing more.'"

A number of members of the House of Commons have shown their excellent taste for the beautiful by marrying American women. Besides Mr. Channing, already mentioned, are the following:

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Hugh Smith Berry, whose wife was the widow of Arthur Post of New York; Arthur Montagu Brookfield, who married Olive, only daughter of J. Hamilton Murray of Buffalo, N. Y.; the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, who married Mary Endicott, daughter of Mr. Cleveland's Secretary of War; Marc Antony MacDonnell, who married the daughter of the late Dr. James Hyndman of Boston; T. P. O'Connor, who in 1885 married the daughter Judge G. W. Paschal of Texas, and the Hon. Boothby Burke-Roche, who married the daughter of Frank Work of New York.

There is another member of Parliament who is almost entitled to be called an American. He is Joseph Francis Fox, who, although born in Ireland, has spent most of his life in the United States. He was a professor in St. Francis Xavier College in New York, and afterwards took the degree of M. D. in the University of Cincinnati and practiced medicine in Troy, N. Y. He was the New York executive of the National League of America and founder of the Irish National Federation of America.

On The St. John.

Making my self at home, I looked about me on this face and on that. The first person to interest me was that large firmly built, compact man of middle age who sat with all the firmness of his appearance in whom there appeared that which plainly said "I am off on business, the sooner I get there the better, all surroundings are strange I have nothing in common with my fellow passengers" and although his eyes were always fixed on the beauties of the changing scenery, still his mind seemed fixed on the object of his visit. No person deigned to approach within a radius of at least one yard. The next to attract my notice was a woman whom I immediately christened the old Maid, she was certainly the personification of all that that name is supposed popularly to imply. She was accompanied to all parts of the steamer that she visited by parcels, a shoe box which I found later in the day to contain her dinner, a sort of a grab bag and a purse. She was the only person I noticed on board who had armed herself with a time table and guide. She was continually moving from one point of interest to another, now watching the approaching row-boat with its human freight, first on the starboard, then on the layboard, now on the after saloon deck, then on the foreward, and again on the main deck, asking questions of this person, then of that person wondering what time we would arrive at the Brown's Flat, how many miles before she reached this, her evident destination, wondering what the next stopping place would be, in a few minutes she would be noticed on the hurricane deck with shoe box, bag, parcel, purse and guide, all piled on her lap, or gripped in either hand, then again on the saloon deck, inquiring if it were near dinner time when it was only ten o'clock, in fact a person would not be weary in watching her many changes and rapid transits, box, bag, parcel, purse, guide and all.

Two persons who started at Fredericton, left us at Sheffield, they were two young mulatto gentlemen, whose spirits were kept on the overflow by the internal application of other spirits from a flask. They sang and danced and made merry while taking in the

sights, but they left us after an hour's mirth and smartness.

We are not exempt from the billing and cooing of the lovely lass and the gallant lad. There were the several couples of life partners with their pledges of secret love enjoying a romp on deck. There were several groups of fair ladies and young men in evident enjoyment of their day's outing. I must not forget that old man, seated in the stern with the old cotton umbrella his too hands fixed upon its knob his whole body trembling with paralytic stroke of former years, sweetly communing with self oblivious to surroundings perhaps patiently awaiting the anticipated fatal stroke, the eyes of all alight on him in pity. Again the aged couple so anxious to catch the Boston boat. The husband an invalid, the wife a sweet old lady looking after the wants of the husband with all the care and solicitation of the honeymoon, ah! here is one instance where marriage has not been a failure. Listen, sweet strains of music touch the ear. Those musically inclined go in and gather in two circles about the fair pianist, the inner circle are friends, the outer circle are stranger passengers, companions en voyage. Stop, the dinner bell sounds, many eat their dinner, pay their fifty cents, and are satisfied. Others produce their lunches, drink cold water and are satisfied. As I was going in to dinner I noticed the old maid, box, bag, parcel, purse and guide, approach the steward and ask the privilege of steeping some tea. I paused with the curiosity of human nature. She deposited all her belongings on a stool, took from the box a tin cup and a spoonful of tea, passed them to the steward and I passed on, ate a good dinner and returning found this old maid sipping her tea and munching and gumming her lunch. I observed afterwards that she still carried the shoe box, perhaps for future use.

Clippings.

[Railway News.]

C. P. R. Agent Jordon, Woodstock is off on his vacation. A. W. Tennant of Canterbury is relieving him.

Dr. J. G. Main of Edmundston has just opened a fine drug store opposite the Royal Hotel, Edmundston.

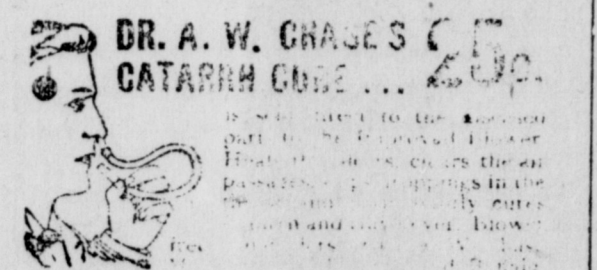
A. W. Phillips, representing McKenna Thompson & Co. wholesale clothiers, Montreal, is spending his vacation at his home at Bristol, N. B.

Fred Stinson of the C. P. R. St. Andrews branch is off duty on account of a bad sprain caused by lifting a heavy trunk. S. J. McIntosh of Woodstock is running in his place.

The genial proprietor of the Railway Restaurant at McAdam, N. B., is in one hundred dollars, as a forfeit put up by Mr. Woodbury, restaurant keeper, Portland, Me., for not taking over the McAdam restaurant according to agreement.

Hugh Murray, representing W. H. Redding wholesale boot and shoes, Yarmouth, returned last week from a trip to Boston and is now on the road again looking like a new man and ready to take orders at lightning speed for his well known house.

As the express from Presque Isle on Wednesday last was nearing Woodstock the engine driver saw a man throw a club at the cab of the engine. He missed it however and a few seconds after he threw a rock which crashed through the window of the smoking car and passing between Conductor Holt and a passenger went through an open window the other side of the car. It is a pity that such a scoundrel should escape punishment for such a dastardly act.



Fatal Street Car Accident.

Sunday last will be mentioned as the day on which two terrible accidents occurred. One is noted elsewhere. The other occurred near Bridgeport, Conn. A street car crossing a bridge over a mill pond left the rail and plunged into the water beneath. It is believed that there were 43 passengers, and thirty-six dead bodies were taken out of the wreck.

A Handsome Issue.

The Orange Sentinel of Toronto prints a handsome Jubilee edition. Among the portraits given are pictures of Queen Victoria, William III, Clarke Wallace, M. P. Goldwin Smith, and the notable.

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Vulgar Children.—Surely if anything is more intolerable than a vulgar woman it is a vulgar child. The poor little thing is produced by all nations and races, from the Anglo-Saxon to the Slav. Its father was happy in the struggle that ended in success. When it grows old its own children will perhaps be happy in the sort of refined existence which wealth can bring in the third generation. But the child of man grown suddenly rich is a living misfortune between two happinesses, neither a worker nor an enjoyer, having neither the satisfaction of the one nor the pleasure of the other, hated by its inferiors in fortune and a source of amusement to its ethic and aesthetic betters.—Marion Crawford, "A Rose of Yesterday."



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1883	84,294.51	38,140.68	149,797.68	7,020,346.00
1888	1,163,625.21	782,641.91	552,978.64	51,012,286.00
1893	2,133,147.18	1,328,783.25	1,423,140.91	83,101,434.00
1898	2,737,906.24	1,432,012.37	2,850,211.38	92,592,137.00

Paid Policy-holders to date.....\$15,246,645.51

Death Losses Due and Unpaid,..... NONE.

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