

Western Autonomy.

Mr. Haultain, the Premier of the Northwest Territories, is paying his annual visit to Eastern Canada. It is a necessary visit for every year he must make a pilgrimage to Ottawa to tell the Federal Government how much revenue he needs, and to learn how much that Government chooses to allow him. He represents nearly four hundred thousand Canadians. These Canadians are as fully entitled to complete self-government as are the Canadians of Ontario. The region which Mr. Haultain administers already contains a larger population than do Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba, and possibly New Brunswick. His administration is of admitted efficiency. These smaller portions of our Dominion have their provincial status, have their definite financial footing, have ample resources. The Premier of the Northwest Territories must go yearly to Ottawa to have his estimates overlooked and slashed. "Cap in hand" must be his attitude, the Western newspapers say with some natural anger. There is a "Remittance Government," they said last year, when the Northwest Legislature actually had to adjourn, to meet again at a less convenient season, because the Dominion Government had not signified how much money it was to have the privilege of voting.

Canadians have not got over the memory of Downing street. In the earlier half of the nineteenth century the public men of Great Britain thought that they should control the policy of their colonies. They could form a better idea of the general situation, they held, than the local people could. They resented the theory that the colonists should manage the public lands of the vast domain in which they were settled. Here were a few people who happened to be first comers in a huge area which must afford homes for millions of Britons. Why should they, merely because they were first on the ground, assume the control of these lands which were needed for future emigrants from the home land? The lands would be administered more wisely and unselfishly by the central government at London. The Colonial Office theory sounds very pretty. But our Canadian forefathers refused to accept it, and threw it off. To-day we impose that same theory upon our great colony in the Western prairies. Ottawa insists on managing the Canadian West, even as Downing street insisted on managing Upper and Lower Canada.

The principal reason for the slowness to give autonomy to the West is that the Ottawa Government dare not give it. The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church has served notice that when the bill to make a new Province or Provinces is drafted, it must contain a provision establishing Separate Schools. Should that be done, Separate Schools would be a permanent portion of the Western system, for it is a peculiarity of the Canadian constitution that the original Act establishing a new Province becomes a charter of that Province, and as such cannot be amended without great difficulty. The Ottawa Government knows what sort of protest will come from the West if that clause appears in the light of day. The hierarchy has given warning that if the clause does not appear it will fight. The Government must choose between a struggle with the West and a struggle with the official organization of the Roman Catholic Church.

Other influences strengthen the disposition to delay. There is more patronage while the West is held in leading strings, and when did a Government dislike patronage? The members of Parliament for the West find their position more enviable by reason of their more extensive influence. The financial arrangement which would come with autonomy might be unwelcome. The apologists at Ottawa loudly proclaim that the West gets actually more than it would if the Territories became a Province. Mr. Haultain holds that it does not. He has submitted a scheme which would give the West as its constitutional right an annual subsidy larger than the presents grants made as an act of grace. For many reasons it is much more agreeable for Ottawa to retain all possible powers.

The Canadian point of view is that autonomy is the right of the West. Therefore,

the West should get it. Our fellow-Canadians should be given their full political rights. They should be assured an adequate revenue, and resources which will be indisputably their own. They should be allowed to settle the school question in their own way. That is the fair and just way of looking at the question. It should be the Canadian way.—Toronto News.

Mistakes in Life.
(From "Success")

One of the most unprofitable ways of spending time is the practice, to which many persons are addicted, of brooding over the mistakes one has made in life, and thinking what he might have been or achieved if he had not done, at certain times, just what he did do. Most every unsuccessful man in looking over his past career, is inclined to think that it would have been wholly different but for certain slips and blunders—certain hasty, ill-considered acts into which he was betrayed almost unconsciously and without a suspicion of their consequences.

As he thinks of all the good things of this world—honor, position, power and influence—of which he has been deprived in some mysterious, inexplicable way, he has no patience with himself, and, as it is painful and humiliating to dwell long upon one's follies, it is fortunate if he does not implicate others—friends and relatives—in his disappointments. Perhaps, as education has never been free from mistakes—mistakes, indeed, of every kind—he imputes the blame to his early training, in which habits of thoroughness and accuracy, or, again, of self-reliance and independence of thought may not have been implanted. Perhaps a calling was chosen for him by his parents, without regard to his peculiar talents or tastes and preferences; or, if he was allowed to choose for himself, it was when his judgement was immature and unfit for the responsibility. The result was that the square man got into the round hole, or the triangular man got into the square hole, or the round man squeezed himself into the triangular hole.

Weddings and Good Taste.

Good taste, the real basis of what is known as "good form," always marks the suggestions on social observances contributed to The Delineator by Mrs. Frank Learned. In the June number of this magazine Mrs. Learned discusses the timely subject of weddings, and apropos of home ceremonies she says: "The chief aim at a home wedding is to have everything as simply arranged as possible. A few formalities are necessary in order that all may be done in a dignified manner and without confusion. But it is desirable to avoid anything that detracts from the serious nature of the ceremony." For a simple home wedding Mrs. Learned suggests as a refreshment menu salads, croquettes of chicken or lobster, cold salmon mayonnaise, dainty sandwiches, ice-cream, cake and bonbons; and in reference to the practice of rice-throwing she gives the guarded opinion that "if indulged in at all, it should not be overdone." Probably Mrs. Learned would agree that the private feelings of the bride should be a guide to her friends in each case with regard to this custom.

News from the Front.

Ping-Yang, Wednesday.—A large party of Japanese, under the art editor of "Collier's Weekly," succeeded in crossing the Anju last night, but were repulsed by a superior force of Cossacks, under the Sunday editor of the New York "Herald."

Tokio, Wednesday.—It is again rumored that all the war pictures of the New York "Journal" were captured in the Japanese attack on Chow-Gun Sunday. If so, they would appear exclusively in the New York "World," by special treaty with the Japanese Government. The rumor is persistently denied by St. Petersburg. This is a grave loss and may end the war.

Bombay, Thursday.—The regiment of historical novelists, recruited in New York and London, arrived here this morning, on its way to the front. They are a fine body of men.

Tokio, Thursday.—It is now known positively that the garrison at Port Arthur is almost out of photographic supplies, and its evacuation is a matter of a few days.—"Life."

Royalty in Ireland.

A few years ago, when the King and Queen were the Prince and Princess of Wales, they paid a visit to Ireland and met with a very chilling reception. The Nationalist feeling was then running high, and at more than one place the Royal couple were insulted by an assembled crowd. Very different has been the welcome extended to them during the past few days. In fact, their reception has been everywhere most cordial, the crowds being at the same time thoroughly self-respecting. The Royal visit was a very informal one, their Majesties going from place to place without ostentation, and showing in every possible way their interest in the land and the people, and obviously enjoying it all.

It is now quite evident that a considerable portion of the Irish hostility to Great Britain is due to sheer neglect of the Green Isle by the Royal family. The only symbol of British authority known practically to the Irish people was the ubiquitous constabulary, and the use of this fine force most familiar to the peasantry was aiding the officers of the law in evicting tenants for arrears of rent. During

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the long seclusion of Queen Victoria the whole of the United Kingdom suffered with Ireland under the social eclipse, and it was not till near the close of her reign and her life that she ventured to cross the channel. The way this paved, the visits of King Edward and Queen Alexandra will probably be annual, and there seems no reason to doubt that the people will regard them with increasing appreciation.

Don't Cross Your Knees.

A medical authority has recently uttered a warning against the habit of sitting with one knee crossed over the other—a pose which is nowadays almost as common among women as among men. This apparently harmless habit, it seems, is likely to cause sciatitis, lameness, chronic numbness, ascending paralysis, cramps, varicose veins, and other evils. The reason is simple: The back of the knee, it is explained, as well as the front of the elbow and wrist, the groin and the arm-pit, contains nerves and blood-vessels which are less adequately protected than in other parts of the body. The space behind the knee contains two large nerves, a large artery, and numerous veins and lymphatic glands. It is the pressure on these nerves and vessels which is apt to give rise to the various troubles against which we are warned.

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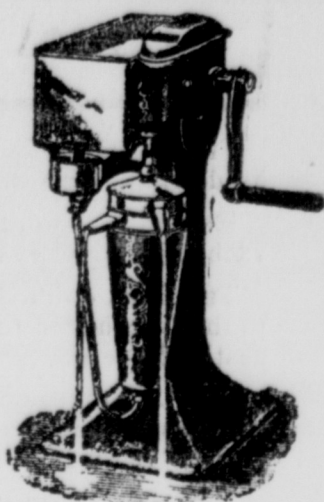
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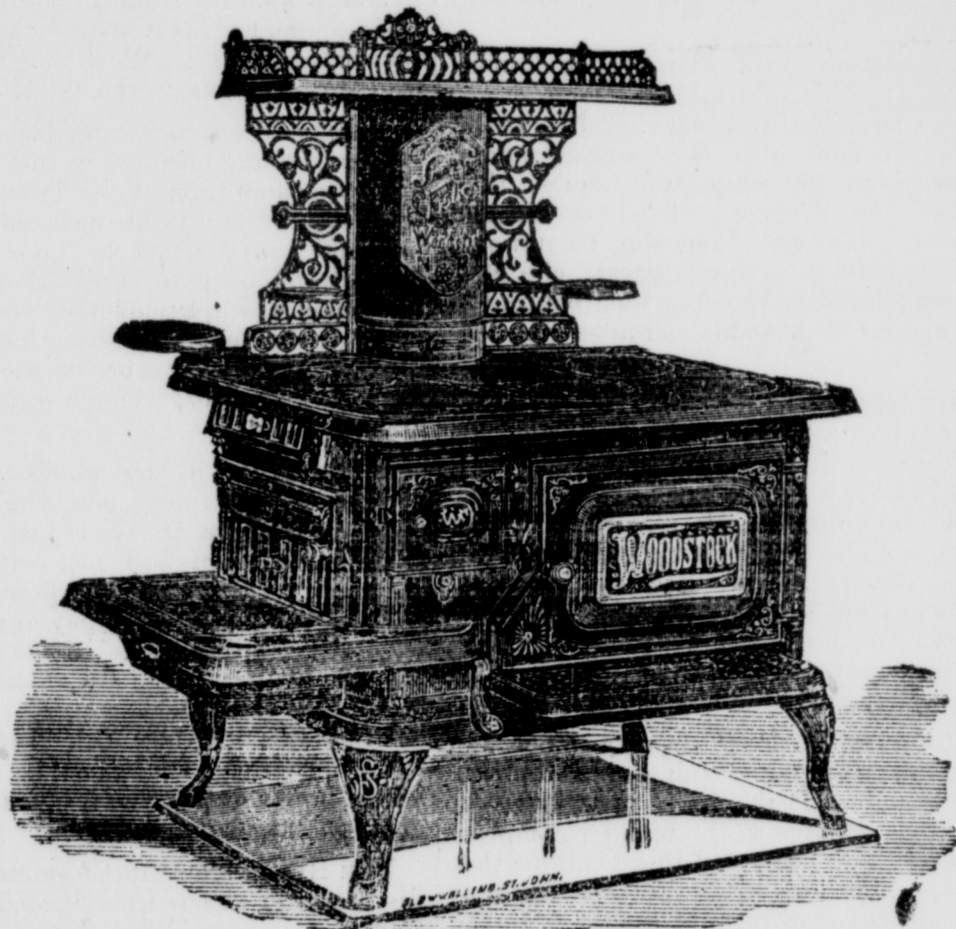
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