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THE TELEGRAPH AND POLICE MAGISTRATE RITCHIE.

We republish the article from the St John Freeman and the Telegraph's editorial which have caused a sensation throughout this province. In that editorial the Telegraph openly charged Hon. R. J. Ritchie, the Police Magistrate of St. John and a former Solicitor General in the provincial government with being the author of various articles in the St. John Freeman, one of which it definitely specified.

REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie returned Saturday from his vacation trip up river on the yacht Grayling, and talking to a Sun reporter last evening, refused to make any statement regarding the attack made upon him during his absence by the Telegraph.

As the matter stands, therefore, the St. John Telegraph remains uncontradicted either by the Freeman or the Hon. Mr. Ritchie. If the Police Magistrate wrote the article or articles which have appeared on the front page of the Freeman as he has been definitely charged with doing by the Telegraph, it indicates a system of political warfare without precedent in this or any other civilized community.

CANADA'S FEDERAL REPRESENTATION.

In another article we discuss some of the salient points of the present census figures. How these affect the parliamentary representation is the next theme for enquiry. As our readers are aware, under the Act confederating the various provinces into the Dominion of Canada, the Province of Quebec was made the basis of representation in parliament.

The representation of the Dominion will therefore require adjustment, which will increase the number of members from Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories and give to the new Yukon territory the number of members to which it is entitled under the census.

New Brunswick loses one member. What county or counties will suffer? The policy of this government is not to break the county lines by grouping part of one municipality with a part of the whole of another to form one electoral district.

The interesting question to us in this province is which constituency which at present sends a member to Ottawa must be absorbed? For we assume that Counties lines will be maintained and that the government will prefer in the adjustment to annex one whole county to its nearest neighbour rather than make new constituencies by dividing up a number of counties.

Table with 3 columns: Province/Territory, Present Parlia't., Next Parlia't. Rows include Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Manitoba, British Columbia, Northwest, Yukon, etc.

We presume the representation will remain as it now stands until the next general elections when the readjustment that is decided upon can be carried into effect.

THE CANADIAN CENSUS.

The official announcement has been made of the numeration of the Canadian population, showing a total of 5,338,883, or an increase of 505,644 over the census of 1891. In the Western Provinces the increase has been very great, but as was to be expected, the older Provinces of the Dominion show a very small gain in population.

In our own province the gain of nearly 10,000 people, while not so large as to fill our highest expectations, yet is still a very great betterment over the showing which was made by the province in the previous ten years.

Turning to the number of dwellings for example, we find that there is a greater increase in the number of dwellings in this county in 1901 over 1891 than there is a gain of people, and it would scarcely require proof that each person does not require a dwelling to himself or to herself.

However, this is not a very material matter so long as we are satisfied that the present census has been correctly taken, for it can then act as a basis for future enrolment. While the increase in population in Canada is a trifle discouraging considering the fact that we have a new and abnormally rich country offering free homes for the settler, yet there is one fact that is a very great consolation to every thinking man.

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For example, the aggregate trade of Canada has increased \$140,000,000 in far less time than it has taken the population to increase 500,000, so that if a mathematical demonstration was all that was required to console the people of Canada, the fact of the increase in Canada's population being small would make us all the richer, but that is just where figures are limited in their true bearing to facts.

The reason for the increase being no greater in the past ten years than it was in the previous ten, is apparently found in the migration of the boys and girls from the farms to the cities and towns either of our own country or of the neighbouring republic. There has been a gain in almost every city and town of Canada, while the population of the country districts has remained stationary.

The reason of this migration from the farm to the city is easily understood, but not so easily counteracted, although the very best attention has been given this subject by some of the brightest minds among our legislators.

SNAPSHOTS.

The Invader lifted the Canada cup from the Americans last week. Canada is now in possession of the Sea vanaka and Canada cups and the Americans hold the America cup. Let us hope the Shamrock will lift it.

The name of Hon. George E. Foster was mentioned in the Ad-dington Conservative Convention, but he did not receive one vote. It appears to be a general freeze out with the ex-Finance Minister.

The Tory press will now tell us that it was Tarte's census.

Mr. J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., is reported to be quite willing to make any combination if such will only bring him into power. The Moncton Convention has been dropped again.

The leading Conservatives of York County concede the election of Alex. Gibson, Jr., by a good safe majority.

The people of St. John are stirred up by the charge of the Telegraph that Police Magistrate Ritchie contributed certain articles to the Freeman which were considered very injudicious from a government official.

An Editor's Opinion

Of the Marvellous Restorative Qualities of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Mr. A. R. Fawcett, the well-known editor and proprietor of The Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction, writes: "It is very seldom that I need medicine of any description, but this spring I got so badly run down and out of sorts generally, that I became somewhat alarmed.

"The result was simply marvellous. I was benefited from the first, and soon restored to my usual good health. I never felt better in my life than I do now. To tell the simple truth, I did not have very great faith in any medicine until I used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, but now I have no hesitation in strongly recommending this great remedy to others, as a valuable and effective remedy."

The receptions to the Duke of York are causing the various cities considerable trouble. The attendance, in every case, is to be limited and select. The men who do the limiting and selecting may expect to have many friends after the function. Their life will not be all sunshine.

Mr. George V. McInerney's name was not mentioned in Ad-dington. He is probably unknown in that constituency. Where were those three seats in Ontario?

Mr. H. A. Powell has with drawn his petition against Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M. P., for Westmoreland. We do not see much hope of Mr. Powell's nomination speech being fulfilled.

W. C. T. U. ENTERTAINMENT.

Monday evening's entertainment under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. was a decided success and gave much pleasure to all present. After the invoking of the Divine blessing by the Rev. Mr. Baker, the following well arranged program was nicely carried out:

- Violin Trio—Fred Hannah, Thos. Girvan and Miss Girvan. Recitation—"Ga'en tae Glasgow," Miss Blackwood. Violin Trio—Hannah, Girvan and Miss Girvan. Vocal Solo—"My Shepherd," Mrs. (Rev.) Y. A. King. Recitation—"Genevra," Miss Keith. War Talk—H. I. Stevenson. Recitation—"The Steeple Chase," Miss Blackwood. Violin Trio—Hannah, Girvan and Miss Girvan. God Save the King. Refreshments.

The violin work by Hannah, Girvan and Miss Girvan was as usual much enjoyed and repeatedly encored. Miss Blackwood's rendering of "The Steeple Chase" was a masterpiece and brought out her powers in elocution as perhaps nothing else she has as yet given to the Richibucto public has done.

The feature of the evening was the trip to South Africa and return with H. I. Stevenson, one of our representatives who passed through the war without a scratch. Irving gave a very interesting and instructive account of the many strange and exciting incidents in connection with modern warfare and most explicitly explained the various departments and corps and their respective usefulness in carrying on the war, also as to the different guns, shells, pompons, &c., in use and their terrible destructive powers.

A Day of Rest. How thankful we should be for one day's rest in seven. All we have to do on the Sabbath is—split the wood, light the fire, dress the children, feed the mule, read the paper, figure up how much we've lost during the past week and then go cheerfully to meeting.—Atlanta Constitution.

Rich and Poor Alike use Pain-Killer. Taken internally for cramps, colics and diarrhoea. Applied externally cures sprains, swollen muscles, etc. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

The Lazy, Stupid Shag. "The shag is the laziest and most stupid form of life to be found anywhere on the globe. It is an aquatic fowl, with big, clumsy looking beak and with a form something like the dodo, now extinct," said a western man. "I have spent much time in watching this fowl, which is found in some of the shallow lakes, and the chief point of interest to me was the startling stupidity displayed. They generally squat on stumps or logs in the lake and watch for the smaller fish that play around the surface of the water. They are fairly clever in catching what they want, and they throw out their bill with considerable precision when they gig for game. But they never get to eat what they catch until they have fed at least one and maybe more than one member of another kind of water fowl. Whenever a shag begins to catch fish, a long legged, long necked water hen will take a place immediately behind him. When the shag lands a fish, the water hen simply reaches over and gets it. Without any show of resentment and without turning around, the shag will continue its watch for fish, and this is kept up until the water hen has finished a meal, and then, if no other enterprising member of the same tribe comes along, the shag is permitted to enjoy the product of its own sleepy efforts. "I have on one occasion seen one shag feed as many as three water hens before eating a single fish. It is certainly a singular display of stupidity, and after having watched the performance a number of times I am convinced that the shag is actually too dull to even know that the water hen stands behind him to steal the fish out of his mouth."

English Robbers. Speaking of the early Plantagenet period, Mr. Henry, in his "History of Great Britain," remarks that the number of robbers was so great that the judges could not prevail upon the juries to find any of them guilty. Even under the most rigorous administration of Edward III a numerous band of them assailed the town of Boston in 1275 at the time of the fair, set it on fire and carried off an immense booty in money and goods. Their leader, one Robert Chamberlain, a gentleman of great power and wealth, was taken, tried and executed, but he could not be prevailed upon to discover any of his accomplices. As the other robbers of this period were very numerous, so some of them were very cruel, and the character which one of their chiefs wore embroidered upon his coat in letters of silver might be applied to many others—"I am Captain Warner, enemy to God, without pity and without remorse." (Henry's "History of Great Britain," book 4, chapter 7.)—Gentleman's Magazine.

HIVE AND BEE.

Be sure that each colony has plenty of food. See that every colony has a good laying queen. Drones can be reared out of season by stimulating the colony by heavy feeding. The drones appear to be entirely exempt from labor, and their existence depends upon the colony. If hives become daubed up with propolis, lift out the frames, place them in a new hive and clean out the old one. If you find a colony that is being robbed, you may decide at once that something is wrong. Generally it is because the colony has become queenless. Drones can be retained by feeding colonies that contain such as are desired to breed from. They can also be retained almost any length of time by keeping them in queenless colonies.

Tarantulas Are Enemies. Tarantulas are considered deadly foes to each other and are seldom found in company. When imprisoned together, there is a fight, one succumbs and is eaten by the victor. Nature has done a service in making the tarantula so hideous and formidable looking an object. Indeed, it is owing to this repulsiveness that no greater number of persons are stung. The sight of the great, hairy spider crawling near by will cause a cold, creeping sensation down the back of almost any one.

A Victim's Argument. "You have no nerve at all," said the disgusted dentist to the patient who was making a frightful fuss. "Now listen to this," returned the patient warmly—"blaming me for lack of nerve when you told me not five minutes ago that you'd extracted most of it and intended to kill what was left!"

Going by Contraries. "When a lady says 'No,' she means 'Yes,'" observed the philosopher of the boarding house, "and when her papa throws you down the front steps and swears at you until you have disappeared in the gloom there seems to be something contrary about him too."

A Real Need. "Why, oh, why," wailed the woman, picking up the watch at her feet and holding it to her ear, "doesn't somebody invent a watch that you can drop without its stopping?"—New York Sun.