

THEY ARE EVERYWHERE.

ST. JOHN MEN CAN BE FOUND IN ALL PARTS OF AMERICA.

Lowell is No Exception to the Rule—Some of the Instances of Province Folk and Folk Who Know the Provinces—French Canadians Across the Border.

LOWELL, MASS., March 22.—I once heard it remarked that no matter what part of America one happened to be in he would be tolerably sure of meeting a St. John man. New York was named as an exception. There you could find plenty of them, but they had to be hunted up.

I have been spending a good deal of time in Lowell lately, and the truth of the remark has forced itself upon me. The number of St. John people here is undoubtedly small, but the number of Lowell people I meet who can tell me a good deal about "St. Jack" as some of them call it, grows larger every day.

I met Lorne Foss the other day and like everyone here he has a warm spot for the boys he left behind him five or six years ago. He has been over a good deal of the continent since then, but has settled down in Lowell, as head dyer on the Massachusetts corporation. When this big mill decided to start a dye house last fall he came from Greenville, N. H., to take charge of it. His parents and brother are now in Greenville, where Mr. Foss, formerly of the Parks mill, St. John, is superintendent of a much larger corporation.

Another St. John man, Hector Turnbull, is in one of the print works here, and holds a responsible position. It is a good many years since he left home.

J. H. Comber, who was the professional cricketer of the St. John A. A. Club is also here, and when he is not playing cricket or performing the duties of Secretary for the Lowell A. A. club, is filling a good position in one of the mills.

But the Lowell knowledge of St. John is not confined to these few. There are undoubtedly others here who have lived near the reversible falls, and if I wanted to write about Canadians Lowell would furnish more material than any place outside of Canada, but they are all French, hundreds, yes, thousands of them, and one of the most picturesque spots inside the boundaries of Lowell is Little Canadian. It is picturesque sure enough, but it would be unfortunate if the American people should get their ideas of Canada from a visit to the place, for with all its picturesque it is a reproach to Lowell. Tenement blocks, and tumble down cottages, whole families living in a room, streets littered with garbage, and lines of clothes strung across roadways, are all common to the district.

But these crowded boats which sail into the harbors of the Maritime provinces day after day during the summer mean something. Every year it becomes a more difficult task to tell the people anything new about the provinces. They go down there and keep their eyes and ears open, and the impressions they receive are interesting.

R. F. Hemenway, the correspondent of the Boston Herald here, who is now going the rounds of Paris and the German capitals, used to go off about once a year and lose himself to the world among the woods and along the streams of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He is familiar with the provinces from one end to the other.

Lawrence Cummings, the Globe correspondent and member of the Lowell school board, Michael J. Dowd, the city clerk, and other good Democrats, have also been over the ground, and are as familiar with King street, Prince William street and the laborers' bell on Market square as I am. They have climbed the hills and wonder how St. John people do it all day long and live, and they have been to Halifax and wondered at the diminutive buns cocked on three hairs on the heads of the regulars.

Mr. Cumming's parents lived in St. John, before he was born, and still talk about the beauties of Carleton—that used to be.

Phil Carey, a Charlestown man, now manager of the Western Union Telegraph office here also became familiar with St. John when at home, and he too spent a summer—a summer which was made memorable by a series of cold chills caused by the fog, which must have come up for his special benefit. He went with a large party of Lowell people, who felt at home when they ran across the imported ball players. The aggregation of stars on the St. John and Shamrock teams was a surprise to them.

The Sullivans, Jim Sullivan, at least, who pitched for the Shamrocks, was a Lowell man, and so was Murill who caught Sexton in the big games, while most of the others owned names familiar to all the cranks in New England.

A Lowell man recently returned from Canada was interviewed by a reporter from one of the local papers a few days ago and made some remarkable statements about the Canadian exodus. While it does not apply specially to the lower provinces, it is interesting as showing the way people are coming here from the other parts of the Dominion. He said:

I learned up there that last year 60,000 French Canadians, or nearly 5 per cent. of their entire number within Canada, crossed the line, but 20,000 returned with their earnings in the fall, leaving 40,000 who took up their permanent abode in the United States. Sixty thousand English speaking Canadians from Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island also became per-

manent settlers. In other words, two per cent. of all the people of Canada emigrated for good last year. Ireland is the only country in the wide world which, in proportion to population, has sent more emigrants to the United States than Canada, and of late Canada has outstripped Ireland. The way immigration grows is that during the winter in Canada those who contemplate emigrating put themselves in communication with their neighbors in the surrounding parishes. A committee is formed, names enrolled, transportation arrangements made with the railroads, and long before the snow is off the ground the first detachments start. As a rule the emigrants know exactly where to go for employment; their friends in New England look after that. Sometimes a whole train load crosses at once, but usually they go in batches of twenty, fifty, or a hundred, travelling second class. The local railroad built by the Dominion and provincial governments afford a cheap means of reaching points like Levis, Sherbrooke, and Richmond, which are in direct communication with the frontier.

In Ontario I saw the village band escort a company of emigrants to the cars, but the French Canadians are strongly attached to their native soil, and the scene at the station when forty or fifty families are going away, is one of weeping and lamentations. The parish priest gives them his blessing, and they promise to be sober and industrious and to write to the friends left behind. The majority go to New England, but many are trying their luck on the Pacific slope.

Many of the French Canadians have amassed wealth and have great influence. J. L. Chaboussier the president of the Lowell board of trade is a French Canadian, and proprietor of the largest dry goods and furnishing store in the city, with a large branch in Birmingham, Ala. There are many others of equal prominence.

Of Lowell's 85,000 population, 15,742 were born in Canada, and 15,000 of these are French. R. G. LARSEN.

THIS IS A DOG STORY.

It Comes All the Way from Russia, and Perhaps It Is True.

An English paper says that a few months ago a St. Petersburg lady took a strong fancy to a tiny lap-dog, which she declared was the prettiest and funniest little creature she had ever set her eyes upon. The dealer, however, damped her enthusiasm by asking an exorbitant price for the animal, whose nimbleness and vivacity were certainly marvellous.

A day or two later the lady called again, determined to pay the extravagant price; but her offer was refused, and the price raised. She argued against extortion, but at last paid the increased price, and returned home with the coveted prize.

All her friends admired her new acquisition, and both she and they agreed that it was somewhat queer that the animal should be continually sinking away into dark corners, and generally fighting shy of the light, while she had no more success in attempting to tame it than if she had tried her hand at a jaguar.

The general conduct of the lap-dog was highly mysterious, but it was a mystery possessed of a certain charm, which rather added to its value than otherwise. He fed the animal with the best of everything, and one day, after it had partaken of a hearty meal, its mistress thought she heard an explosion.

Looking round, she missed her lap-dog, but in its place beheld an enormous rat standing upon the lap-dog's skin, in which it had been cunningly sewn up by the dishonest dealer.

An action has been brought against the dealer, but he alleges that he was deceived himself, having purchased the animal for a lap-dog.

The Amazons.

The famous women warriors of Dahomey, who have fought so desperately against the French troops, are trained for service with a severity beside which the discipline of our soldiers is luxurious ease. They are recruited from girls of thirteen or fourteen years, and also from the ranks of criminals and evil-doers, for any crime is pardoned to the woman who enlists among the Amazons. They are compelled to sleep outdoors in all kinds of weather, to suffer blows and kicks without complaint, and are often kept starving for days. For the purpose of acquiring proficiency in scaling walls, the scantily clothed warriors are compelled to clamber to the top of walls thickly covered with thorny cacti, the ground beneath being strewn with broken glass. Before going into battle liberal quantities of rum are given to them to give them the daring recklessness which marks their attacks. They fire rapidly for a little time, then charge upon the enemy with their knives, and even when shot down will fight to the last breath, stabbing blindly at their assailants, and biting and tearing at their legs when they can no longer stand.

The Owner of Monte Carlo.

The Princess of Monaco before her marriage made her husband promise that he would not renew the contract with the notorious company which at present exploits Monte Carlo. The contract does not expire until 1913, and meantime, by the Princess's wish, most of the subsidy paid by the company is used for the improvement of the public works of Monaco, her own fortune being large enough to render the couple independent. The Princess speaks nearly every European language with facility, is a brilliant pianoforte player and a talented painter. At her little Court are received all the visitors and residents who are without reproach. Her dearest wish would be gratified if she could at once remove the blot of the Casino from the little Principality.

Two Views of Marriage.

The late Rev. Dr. X., of — U. P. church, Edinburgh, when far advanced in years, thought it advisable to marry for the fourth time. On calling on one of his senior elders to inform him of his intention, he thought it necessary to accompany the announcement with some reason for a step so unexpected and unusual.

"You see," said he, "I am an old man now, and I cannot expect to be very long here; so I feel that when the end comes, I would like to have some one to close my eyes."

"Aweel," replied the elder, "I've had twa, and faigs they hae opened mine."

Getting Out of a Difficulty.

The late Lord Magheramorne shortly after his accession to the peerage went to dine at a friend's where he was well known. The butler had known him for many years as Sir James Hogg, and had always announced him as such. But face to face with



A few weeks ago PROGRESS gave a criticism of the new and extraordinary clock placed in the country market by Mr. Ira Cornwall. The motives of Mr. Cornwall were admitted to be good, in trying to furnish the men from the rural districts with any kind of time they wanted, and, at the same time, advertising the Sun Insurance Company.

At that time, however, the opinion was expressed that Mr. Cornwall's ideas soared too high in the realms of abstract science and abstruse mathematics to be of much use to a countryman who was in a hurry to catch a train. Still, the apprehension was expressed that many a man might get so tangled up in his calculations that he would not know when it was time for him to go to dinner. The suggestion was therefore made that if Mr. Cornwall ever expected to make the clock useful to the average granger, as well as to the average citizen, he should publish a guide book to it. This idea

the dreadful new and unpronounceable name, he gave it up altogether, and, to the astonishment of the assembled company, the bewildered man announced— "The late Sir James Hogg."

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A. L. SPENCER, Teacher.

seemed to have struck him as a good one, and he has made a beginning by having an engraving of the clock's face made, so that diagrams can be sent to as many points of the compass as there are figures on the clock face. This engraving is given herewith, and it will be issued to the public in various forms, free of charge. The advantage of this will be that the man who finds life too short to figure out the time of day in the market can have the diagram home and apply himself to the task in his spare moments. A man with such a diagram about him can mark on it, with a pencil, the position of the hands when he takes his observation, and then study out the matter at home during the evening. After a while he will get so that he can tell the time of day almost at a glance, and once having reached this stage will need no more intricate problem to be solved by the public. In the meantime the Sun Insurance company will be pretty well known throughout the country, and that is just what Mr. Cornwall wishes.

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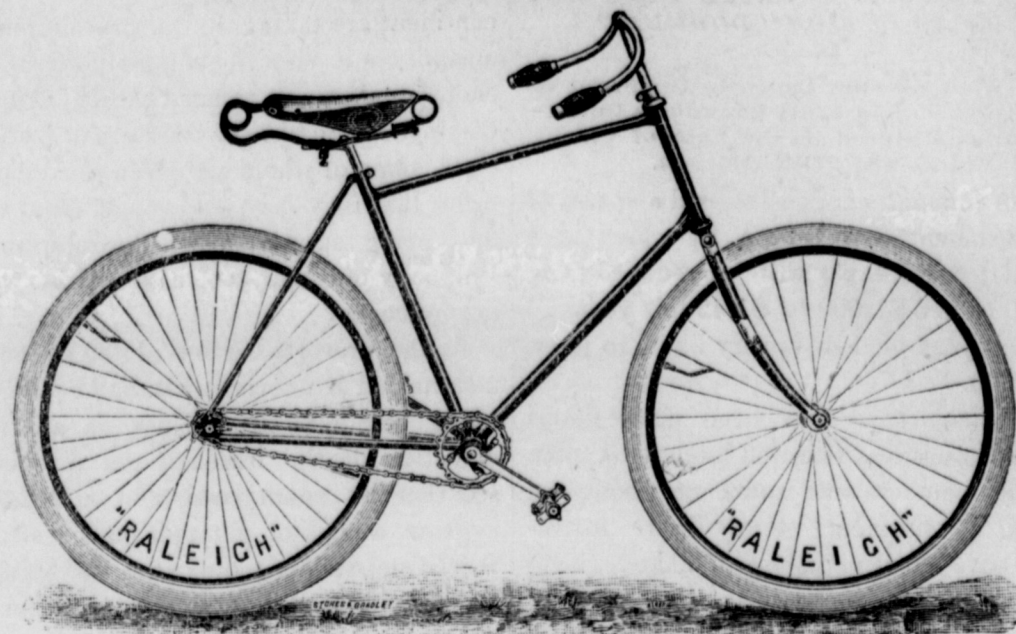
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