## PROGRESS, SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1895.

# CANADA'S POETS AT WAR.

### THE BATTLE FOUGHT IN PAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

How The Contest Began and How it Has Raged-The Merits of Prof. Roberts-How He did a Friendly Act for Pauline John. son-An Old Boys' Association.

The writer of the Munsey article on the Canadian poets can feel gratified in one particular, that he is getting plenty of advertising as a result of it, and advertising, no matter of what sort it is, seems to the purpose at the opening of next term. be the chief thing desired in this age. The Canadian journals have taken up the article and there has been a regular civil The grammar school has had a long roll of war over it, though it has been all onesided. The controversy is of interest to ninety years, for it was incorporated in New Brunswickers, for it relates to writers | 1805 and it is a school that the old boys of this province,

the Toronto World arraigning the writer for Munsey for favoritism and accusing Bliss Carman, one of those who received the most pleasing notice, of plagiarism. The Toronto Globe immediately took this up and defended Roberts and Carman from the attack of the writer in the World. This brought out the anonymous objector and it proved to be the Rev. W. W. Campbell. He replied in the Globe and claimed that Messrs. Roberts and Carman doctored the proofs of the article when they were submitted to them. He also claimed that Roberts and Carman and their friends were a regular mutual admiration society.

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To say the least it does not look well for a poet to be making such serious charges against brother poets, even if he could make them good, and there might be some | ruffles would prove that mark, for it is not doubt felt whether Mr. Campbell was justi- to be supposed that women would ] so far fied in speaking as he did. These three forget themselves as to ruffle their cuffs are among the leading poets in Canada, Messrs. Roberts, Carman and Campbell It could not be said that any one of them is greater than the others. It must also be admitted that Campbell received a George appeared in Rotten Row one day scanty notice in the Munsey article, and with his cuffs tied with an inch-wide black his work and worth was correctly estimated. satin ribbon made into a bow and the ends

There is not the same amount of opposition to Sunday riding that there was last year. A leading merchant of the city who was opposed to his employees riding on Sunday is not now so decided on the matter, much, it may be said, to the satisfact-

ion of the clerks.

Some talk is projected of forming an Old Boys society in connection with the grammar school. Principal Mac Lean has had it in mind and intends to call a meeting for It is an excellent idea and the wonder is that a society had not been formed long ago. graduates. It has had a history covering should be proud of and desirous of pre-First an anouymous article appeared in | serving their connection with it. LOUNGER.

## IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

Dudes Who Want to be English Wear Ribbons Instead of Cuff Buttons.

Not very long ago it was announced that dudedom was to wear ribbons instead of cuff buttons, but as yet this infliction has not fallen upon Chicago, says a paper of that city. Still, it may come, for it is said that the fashion is so common in London as to attract no attention.

Some people are inclined to think that ribbons are but the forerunners of ruffles, as worn in the colonial times. If they are we may well open our hearts to them, for

what man does not long for some distinguishing mark between the shirt masculine and the shirt waist feminine? And surely and collars. So, after all, welcome the ribbons.

As is usual with men's fashions, this; one is the outcome of a prince's whim. Prince

track or station. Miss Puss would descend come in rapidly a small addition will probably be made to the buildings before next term. Netherwood is beautifully situated within four minutes walk of Rothesay station and parents interested in finding a pleasant home school for their girls are invited to come and see it for themselves.

### WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Circus Proved to Be All That Ardent Fancy Had Painted It.

It is hardly necessary to tell the city readers of PROGRESS that Sells Bros circus has been here and that it came saw and conquered. But some of the many readers of this paper throughout the province and in the towns and villages of Nova Scotia will be glad to know that the circus spoken of above is one that they can go and see and tell their friends about. laugh over afterward and get such genuine satisfaction and enjoyment from, that they will never regret the time and money spent in seeing such a grand show. By the time PROGRESS is printed the circus will be in Halitax. Go and see it, Haligonians, take your sweethearts and your wives, your sisters and your cousins, and let all the family get the benefit of the best show that has touched this part of Canada for years.

To attempt to describe the parade would be futile; to think of giving any adequate description of the show upon the grounds is too much of a task for the space PROGRESS can devote to it, but any reader who has the time and the money to see it all for himself will gain much information and such instruction and enjoyment as seldom falls to his lot.

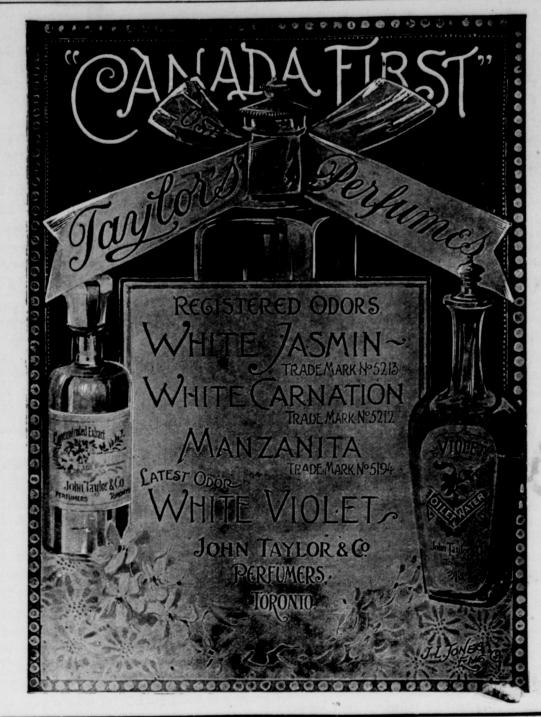
The features of the performance are many, but perhaps those that struck the writer as the best were the performing seals and sea lions and the bicycle riding. These were wonderful and thrilling teatures while the funniest part of the show was the "Man with the Camera." This was a well dressed gentleman who bore a striking resemblance to one of the proprietors of the show as pictured on the dead walls, and as he waiked oack and forth in his silk hat and dress coat while the vast audience assembled there were many opportunities tor him to test his skill. The unsuspecting countryman and his best girl sauntering along with all the world ahead of them. happy in each others presence and careless of any attention they might attract, were almost sturified by the suave attention of the elegantly dressed gentleman who asked them so politely to have their pictures taken, and then to see the sheepish look that the young man put on and the prim pictured countenance of his more or less fair companion was convulsing to those who enjoyed the affair from the reserved seats. Then there were some so utterly surprised at the attention of the camera man that they allowed him to pose them looking directly away from him and then he would retire from view altogether and leave his poor victim in that cramped position until he looked around to realize the ridiculous position he was in. But the camera man got left too sometimes and the

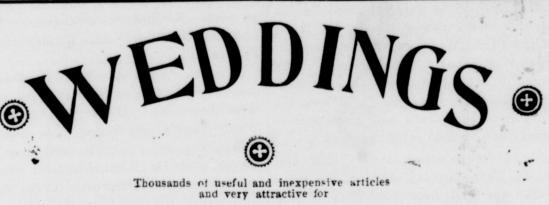
from her perch on the pile of coal, or, if the weather was inclement, from the seat of the engineer. where she would sit looking out on the track beyond, and go in hunt of mice; and if it was lunch hour would hunt up the kitchen door of the depot eating house. She was a great favorite, and always had the best the house afforded. She was a beautiful cat. Her four was jet black, and when the engine was running down the steep grades of the mountains she would hold her place on the top of the tender with all the grace and dignity imaginable, and it the wind was blowing she would ruffle up her black coat of fir as though entering a protest. Puss never missed a trip all the time I was on the road after she took the railroad tever.

"When I left the Western puss had to choose between her owner and the big monster that had carried her so many miles. I remember the day I went out to bid the big inanimate object good-by. was very much attached to it. Why not? We had gone through a wreck together, and it had received the brunt of a collision with a big rock. I looked at the engine, which was steamed up ready to start on its trip, and soon saw puss mount to her perch on the coal. I spoke tenderly to her, and she arched her back and purred knowingly. When I bid the boys good-by and called her she came part way, looked up at me in an undecided manner, and finally gave a pitiful meow and walked off toward the engine again. She kept up her habit for several years after that, and finally was crushed to death in a wreck. She was found curled up on the box by the side of the inanimate form of the engineer. Both had died at the post of duty."

#### All About Lead Penclis.

The ordinary sized lead pencil, such as one gets when he goes into a store and asks for "a lead pencil." is seven inches in length and a trifle more than a quarter of an inch thick. Pencils are made in many different styles and shapes and for many special uses. Special pencils of very small diameter are made tor mathematical instruments. Another small diameter pencil is the programme pencil made for dancing orders, of which the sale in this country is estimated at 5,000 gross annually. Programme pencils are mide round and hexagon in shape, and finished in a variety of colors and styles; some are wound with silk Programme pencils are sold sharpened, and with a ring and a cord and tasse ettached, ready for use. Other small pencils are those used for tablet memorandum books. Checking pencils, with red, blue, and green crayons, are now used extensively in commercial establishments and by express and railroad companies, and in almost every office. Thonsands of gross





But he has not improved things by the course he has pursued, a d sympathy for him has rather been withdrawn.

From my own knowledge of Messrs. Roberts and Carman I should say that Mr. Campbell has done them an injustice. Bliss Carman is of a retiring and unassuming disposition and my estimate of him would be that he would be the last man to seek atter flattery. I know I wrote to him once for some information about himself for an article, and he was very loath to give it and suggested instead that I should prepare one on an old teacher of his. Roberts is very kind and courteous to every one he meets, and many new writers have had a helping hand from him. But he doesn't hunt for notices; he does not need to, for his reputation is established.

Speaking of this characteristic of Roberts, that he is the friend of the struggling writer, Miss Johnson, the Indian poetess who was here recently, told me a little incident from her own lips that illustrated it. Seven years ago she commenced to write. Two or three of her poems appeared in the journals of Upper Canada when she received a very encouraging little note from Prot. Roberts, in which he stated that he saw her poems and he saw in them good promise and advising her to keep on and she would be a success. That little note, she said, came to her like a tonic, a mental stimulus; she did go on and whatever success she has had she laid to him.

Some time after, she continued, when she had become fully well known she went to Ottawa and some of the literary people there called on her, including Lampman, Scott and others. They all happened to call the same day. During the course of conversation she remarked, "Now, if we only had Roberts and Carman, you would be all here." One of them remarked, "Do you like Roberts?" That brought out her story and she added : "I was a girl without education, without advantages socially, financially or in anyway. To me such a note was an encouragement. Any of you could have written me and' given me a helping hand but you did not.' To which Lampman added : "Yes, I knew of you, and I might have written."

Now that cycling enters so much into the thoughts of the world, the ethical side of the question is quite an important one. The chief point of morals that is discussed iu connection with wheeling is Sunday riding. Of late this has been having some offical consideration. There are a large number of young men who go bicycling on Sunday and they see no wrong in it. In the Sabbath they see a day of rest and quiet,

hanging at least four inches below the wrists. The Prince's set saw and followed suit, and in twenty-four hours silver, gold, and gems had been discarded and all the young men of fashion were wearing satin ribbons. Of course other young men less notable, but still as desirous of being fashionable, followed the first set, and the cuff button was deposed. But there are laws governing even the ribbon, and it is an nounced that the bows are the correct thing only with morning promenade costume or the fancy colored evening dress coats, with which for several years certain London beaux have been endeavoring to supplement the conventional spike-tailed

garment of the funereal black. If Chicago has escaped infliction New York has not, and the World gives the following sketch of its first appearance;

"New York's nice young men, the young men who expect to go to England when they die, have been a little slow in adopting this latest freak of fashion. Three dear creatures who wear the glass of tashion appeared on the Fifth avenue promenade last Sunday morning holding their canes behind their backs with both hands so as to give the pretty satin ribbons the most gracetul possible droop.

"The young men, who sauntered up Fifth venue as tar as the Savoy and 'ack as far as the Waldorf, were, as a cockney would say, 'bloomin' well stared at,' but what cared they for the sneers and derisive smiles of the majority? Were they not rewarded by the open-eyed wonder and envy ot sundry 'Gussies,' 'Freddies, 'and 'Algies' who at once recognized that the style was English :

"Next day there was a mad rush upon the fashionable Broadway and rifth avenue dealers in 'gents' turnishings' tor the new cuff decorations, don't you know. It just so happened that no dealer in the city had imported any of the new cuff bows. Some of them were trank enough to admit that they had never heard of the style. For this they were given a glance of commiseration and scorn, and were glad to be partially forgiven when they promised to

able at once for a supply. We all saw the new style on Vesta Tilley and laughed at it. But it seems that there is really a serious side to the tact. as being one of the most radical departures in fashion which the century has ever seen. Everything else pertaining to man's dress varies in some way from season to season perhaps, but still preserves some semblance to the original torm, but ribbon in lieu of cuff buttons means that man's one tancy has been attacked. Jewelers say that men who retuse to allow themselves anything else in the way of ornament generally insist on

having handsome cuff buttons, and young men of wealth take particular pride in the variety of cuff tasteners contained in their collection.

#### The Rothesay School for Girls.

As will be noted by advertisement in todays issue the Rothesay School for Girls (therefore known as the Rothesay Church School for girls) will therefore be carried on under new management. J. Simeon Armstrong a son of the Rev. G. M. Arm-

laugh turned upon him, but he was paid to stand that sort of thing. To say that the circus was orderly gives t but faint praise. There was not a complaint of any fakerism whatever; the treatment of the public here was a credit to the management and to the circus employes. The circus reaped a rich reward here. Perhaps close to 20,000 people attended the performances the first day. The audiences the second day were not so large by any means, but the statement was made that enough of profit was made in St. John to detray all expenses and pay the \$5000 duty that it cost the circus to come to Canada. That was a big business and if they do but nearly as well in the other towns of the Maritime provinces, Sells Bros. will have no reason to regret their trip to this country.

They left a lot of money among the news papers, the victuallers, the feed dealers and many others. They had no loud mouthed advertising upon the stage such as has been seen here, though the animals in the splendid menageri : were in some cases decorated with local advertisments, the most noticeable of which were Welcome Soap and Union Blend Tea.

One meat dealer sold over 2000 pounds of meat to feed the animals one day and all the contracts with local people were in proportion.

Mr. De Wolfe was the press agent of the show and the newspapers owe him a good word for the information he gave and the generous courtesies extended

#### WAS A RAILWAY CAT.

Pussy Liked the Poet Well Enough, but She Struck to the Locomotive.

"You have heard of the railroad dog, of course," said Cy Warman lately. "Everybody has, but I'll venture to say that you never heard of a railway cat. Well, I used to have o.e. You know I used to fire on Rio Grande Western. I got mixed up with one of those big mountain climbers in a wreck one time, and





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One boy went to a fine scheol where he learned how to pick out a rod, bait, boots, etc., iu his mind. But another boy weut with a fisherman and learned the ways and where to fish. Which would be most likely to be successful? Here is a "Real Business" school.

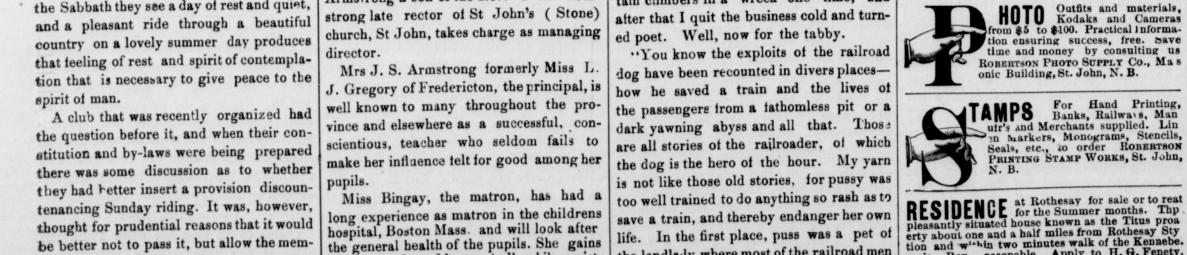
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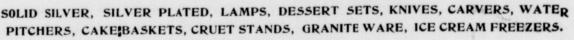
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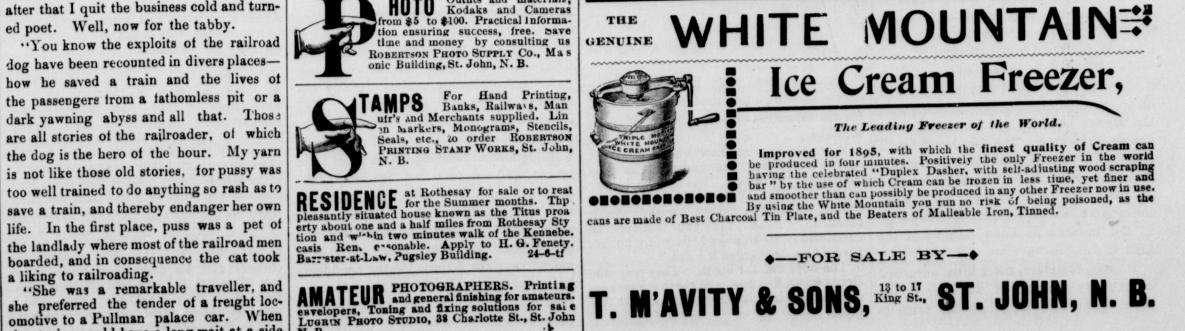


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