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## ARE DISAPPOINTING.

The Census Returns not as Good as They Should Have Been.  
What Some Cities Show.

The more one comes to study the census returns, the more disappointing they are. When it is considered that the country has not grown much over five hundred thousand in ten years people cannot but help thinking that something is seriously wrong somewhere. If Canada retained nothing more than its natural increase the showing would be much better.

We here in the Maritime Provinces certainly expect better results. St. John has really not by any means held its own. In the old city wards the increase has been but five hundred and seventy. The North End and Carleton have done a little better but their showing is not at all satisfactory. Even old St. John has a far better record than the commercial capital of New Brunswick.

This is strange when all things are considered, Fredericton has gained something over six hundred. This must be a great disappointment to the inhabitants of that town. Judging from appearance it was thought that the Celestial would have shown a much greater increase. Coming to the other towns in New Brunswick there is every evidence of stagnation. Woodstock in ten years has some three hundred less inhabitants.

Milltown has just two fewer persons while St. Andrews has lost nearly four hundred. St. Stephen has a slight gain and so has Moncton but it is very slight. Every constituency in Prince Edward Island has gone behind and what was thought to be some of the most prosperous places in Nova Scotia, show a decided falling off. One should not find fault with one's own country, but at the same time there is no use in shutting the eyes to facts which call for serious consideration.

Ontario stands in no better light than the Maritime Provinces. Quebec in proportion has done much better, but even Quebec is not satisfactory. The West exhibits far more prosperity than the East, but this was to be expected. Immigration and the gold boom in the Yukon no doubt has contributed much towards this.

The representation in Parliament will be naturally effected by the census returns. New Brunswick will lose a member, Ontario will be reduced five, Nova Scotia two, the Island one, Quebec of course will retain its number, and the West will have quite an increase.

Such is the story told by the census of 1901. It is to be hoped that ten years hence a much better condition of affairs will be shown. There is no use in becoming discouraged. People must face misfortune and lead themselves to better efforts to improve the future.

### NOT ATTRACTIVE.

A Picture That has Been Painted of St. John City.

The Census returns might not have been as fully satisfactory of St. John as they might have been, but still that is no reason why some of our enterprising contemporaries should speak discouragingly of the city. The following taken from an evening journal is a little hard. It says:

"Something should be done to destroy the noxious weeds that infest the vacant lots of land all over the city. The thistles have commenced to blow into every open window and door and what is worse on to every open and unoccupied bit of soil in lawn and garden, where they will germinate, take root and cause trouble next spring.

Very soon the street arab will be throwing burrs at his chums in the streets, many of which will be gathered in by ladies' dresses, thus causing damage to delicate stuffs and much annoyance to the owners thereof.

The board of works would be justified in sending a man at once to mow the burdocks, thistles and other weeds in the vacant building lots, and later on have them burnt, if the owners cannot be induced to do so. Prompt action is needed.

Surely the town has not come to this. If the writer of the above attempts to be a mart, it is a kind of smartness that is no

wanted. If he is writing from the idea of Edward Bellamy in his "Looking Backward," he might have painted a much more attractive picture.

### ALERTS ARE WINNERS.

The Halifax Team go Home With a Defeat. A Pitcher's Battle.

The St. John Alerts managed to defeat the Halifax Resolutes in the last game played here. The contest was really a pitchers' battle in which the St. John importation came out on top. Mr. Coakley gave the finest exhibition of pitching ever seen in this city and made many friends.

The feeling over the game was very intense and one would almost imagine that one City was beating the other when as a matter of fact baseball as it is being played now is simply a question as to what club is fortunate enough to import the best players.

If the Halifax men were taken out of the Resolutes it would not make a very big blank. The chief backbone of the Halifax team so called, is the old Fredericton Tartar. In the game put up by McLean, Tibbitts, Brown and Fimmimore, the Tartars were conspicuous, Howe and McFarlane other old Tartars witnessed the game, but had they played they would have added strength to the visitors. If the system of importation keeps on increasing in the future as in the past, the time will soon be that neither St. John or Halifax will be playing local men.

### MAKING PROGRESS.

Preparations for the Duke and Duchess Advancing.

Those having in charge the reception arrangements for the Duke and Duchess of York are progressing satisfactorily in their work. The residences of Simeon Jones and P. S. MacNutt have been accepted as the places where the distinguished visitors will stay, the Duke and Duchess stopping at the former house. The selection of these houses is the best that could be made and will be met with approval. The choosing also of the Exhibition building for holding the public receptions is a good idea. There will be thousands here to attend this function and no other building would have been sufficiently large enough.

It is the intention to close off the wing of the building just using the main portion.

There a dais will be erected for the Royal party to occupy. The dais will face the north and the spectators while in the eastern side seats to accommodate some 1200 school children will be placed. There will be reception rooms and other rooms in connection with a function of the kind and it is expected that the building will prove a most acceptable place.

### PRESS EXCURSIONISTS.

Will Arrive Here Monday and Entertained by City Journalists.

The members of the Canadian Press Association are expected to arrive in St. John on Monday morning. They are making an extended tour of the Maritime Provinces. Many of the members are accompanied by their wives.

They came down by the I. C. R., this week and crossed over to the Island thence they proceeded to Cape Breton then to Halifax and today they will reach Annapolis. Here they will be entertained by the St. John press. They will be given a drive about the city and a clam bake at McLaren's Beach Monday afternoon.

They leave here Tuesday morning going to Fredericton by river and return home via the Canada Eastern. The party is one of the largest of the kind that has ever visited St. John, numbering some one hundred persons.

### In Musical Circles.

It is not generally known that one of the chief musical resorts to be found in this city is situated at the lower end of Water street. Here is to be found during the summer months all classes of musicians from the hand organist up to the piano player. It is the home of the wandering minstrel and one has but to visit the vicinity to get convinced that music so called abounds in all

variety. Beef steak and onions seem to be the chief article of diet judging from the strong fragrance to be found here at all times. It is a boarding house that has become most popular with the street musicians and all enjoy themselves thoroughly. It is a regular little Italy. The place is orderly and well kept and John the Greek who is chief proprietor is proud of his abode.

### A Suggestion.

Someone suggests that it will be a fine opportunity for those living in the vicinity of the Jones and MacNutt residences to make a fortune during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall by renting available space for viewing the proceedings. Such things are done in London and large cities, but as those who live in the neighborhood of the above named places have pretty good fortunes already, it is not likely that the suggestion will be acted upon. PROGRESS would suggest to the suggestor that he suggest the idea in person to the houseowners, it is not a suggestion that we would care about suggesting.

### Want More Electricity.

Fredericton City Council has directed that the electric light telegraph and telephone companies be notified to have their pole located in the city, 'painted red for a distance of six feet above the ground, the cross has to be red and the balance of the poles white'. The St. Croix Courier thinks if they could only work in a streak of blue the poles might serve as emblems of the City's loyalty. Visitors to the Celestial think if a more electricity was used in lighting the place, the appearance of poles might be well over looked. Fredericton is not the best lighted town in the country.

### A Handsome Craft.

The handsome steam yacht which has lain at the mouth of the harbour the past few days has been an attraction to the many persons who take pleasure in viewing a pretty craft. It is one of the largest yachts of its kind that ever visited here. She is called the Catalonia and is owned by the Duke of Sunderland. She registers 650 tons, has a speed of 15 knots and carries a crew of 50 men. The party on board are R. A. C. Smith and family of New York and the visitors are taking much enjoyment of our cool climate.

### Souvenirs.

Souvenirs of Royalty will be numerous after the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall depart and those who have been boasting of holding so many of these valuable recollections of King Edward's visit will have to take a back seat. Probably Mr. Jones will possess the best Souvenir of all and that is his residence. It will be something to say that the King and Queen stopped at my place.

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### Public Schools.

The city public schools open on Monday next and the attendance will no doubt be large. The teachers and children have had several weeks of most enjoyable vacation and all will return feeling much benefited by the long rest.

## SOME TRUE COMMENTS:

A Stranger Who Likes the City Speaks His Mind Quite Freely.

"How do you do, I'm glad, I'm sure to meet you, and perhaps you being in the newspaper business, can give us some idea of certain matters we have been discussing and are in doubt about."

Such was the somewhat abrupt, though cordial greeting a PROGRESS representative got upon the street a few evenings ago. The speaker was a stranger and from his conversation it might readily be gathered that he had been in the city for some time.

"You have one of the pleasantest and most sociable cities in the world" said the speaker, "but there are some things no fellow can understand. For example I was in the police court a few days ago and I saw some local justice dispensed. A young fellow was brought up for a most awful crime. They said it was his second or his third offence and yet the magistrate let him go. Can you tell me why the poor drunk alongside of him got thirty days and this destroyer of children's faith and innocence was let go?"

"I do not wonder you cannot answer" he said when we were silent "but with us such crimes do not always wait for tardy justice and I am sure that neither in England or America such crimes are tolerated. Tell me if you can, it is compassion for relatives of the offender or is it a disregard for the simplest principle of justice that brings about such a state of affairs?"

"Influence, you say. But what does influence have to do with right and justice, what influence can keep a man from the penitentiary when the people are horrified at the nature of his crime. What kind of influence is that?"

Nobody making him any reply— for what satisfactory one could be made?—the visitor made some laughing comment upon the fact and then proceeded to pile up the agony, and how these visitors will enjoy this agony building!

"I take a drink once in a while," he continued, in that accented voice that had such a rasping sound by this time "and let me say I rather enjoy the liquor in your best saloons. But your best saloons I find out close at ten o'clock while I can drink all I want at a hotel bar until from that until midnight or three o'clock in the morning. They say that the hotels pay a somewhat larger license for the privilege of selling to guests but it seems to me that the difference between the ordinary saloon on the street and the hotel is greater than the fees that each pay. I may be wrong. I am simply looking around but as you don't contradict me what am I to think?"

"And what was he to think?"

### A PLEASANT SUMMER RESORT.

The old Ben Lomond House Still Increasing in Popularity.

The well known Ben Lomond House stands higher in the favor of the public this year than ever. The facilities for pleasure and it is not necessary to describe the beauties of the lake and its pleasant environments. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have had a "house full" all the season and have catered to their wants in such a way as to make all of them wish their sojourn could be prolonged. Mrs. Barker is an ideal hostess and comfort and pleasure alike await those who do not know the interior of the Ben Lomond house. Of Mr. Barker newspaper language can not describe his geniality and obliging ways. If a guest want a fish he is prepared to produce him even if he has to dive for it—or buy from a Garnett town angler. Boats or steam launch are at his disposal and many a pleasant sail has he treated his guests to. Apart from these good qualities he is ever at the service of those who patronize him and his popularity increases with his years.

### Exhibition.

Fredericton expects to have a first class exhibition this fall and gentlemen who have been visiting St. John this week from the Celestial say that besides being a good exhibition they hope to make it pay hand-

somely. That a large number of visitors from outside places will attend is confidently hoped for. A first class programme of horse races has been arranged and horsemen are looking forward to a successful meeting.

### Popular Bathing.

This week has been a gay one at Bay Shore and Blue Rock. The tide being just right for bathing during the afternoons a great many have indulged in a dip. Blue Rock on Thursday presented a regular Coney Island. As far as the eye could reach, picnic parties lined the beach and the fires during the evening were an illumination worth seeing. Some five hundred persons had the enjoyment of taking a swim and the owners of the bathing houses were kept on the jump. The sight is well worth a visit from the city, besides being a most delightful outing.

### Good Convention.

The second maritime assembly of the Daughters of the King which opened here Wednesday and closed Thursday evening was a most successful gathering and showed the association to be doing much good work. Some very interesting addresses were delivered by several members. The election of officers resulted in Mrs. Gibbons of Liverpool, N. S. becoming president, Mrs. W. H. Sampson of St. John vice president and Miss Steeves secretary. The society meets next year at Parrboro. The convention closed with a conversation in St. Luke's School room.

### Everybody is in Favor of It, "What?"

A half holiday Saturday, we have been giving our employees it since May first, and we are the only laundry in the city that is doing it. Our splendid facilities and perfect system enables us to do this. Let us put you on our route, for a weekly call. All work delivered by six o'clock Saturday evening, office open as usual. Ungar's Laundry Dye and Carpet Works, Telephone 58.

### It is too Bad.

It is too bad that our Council are not to be adorned in robes during the coming visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. Have the aldermen really considered well what they are doing? Are many of them aware that when His Worship is so rigged out that he will detract from his following. It is a pity that the Duke cannot see our City Fathers dressed in the fullest regalia. They are missing one of the chances of a lifetime. What a shame.

### A Divine Healer.

St. John has had in its midst this week a Divine healer or one who claims to be such. He held forth at the Opera House Thursday Evening but judging from the size of the audience, people evidently do not believe fully in his power. The gentleman's name is Schlatter. He is a good talker and does not himself boast of his acts. He preaches good religion and no fault could possibly be found with his utterances.

### Public Library.

The answer made by Mr. Carnegie to the letter of Mayor Daniel should be pleasing to St. John. The millionaire states the terms upon which he makes his gift. The conditions are the same as accompany most of his grants and are that he will give ten times the amount that the city will give yearly to support a library. It is hoped that now the ball has been started that it will be kept rolling and the city attains a library that will be a credit to it.

### Not Possible.

The Minister of Railways has informed the local government that the militia department find it impossible to arrange for outside troops at St. John during the Duke of Cornwall's visit. The minister says it is not being done at Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Victoria or any other places being visited by the Royal party.