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## FREDERICTON AND THE CENSUS

The census returns for the City of Fredericton were a surprise and a disappointment to many patriotic citizens who have been laboring under the belief that the official count would show this city possessed of at least eight thousand people. There has certainly been some evidence of growth in this city during the past decade; many new dwellings have been erected, most of which have found occupants, and other signs have not been lacking which led some people to believe that the city was well up in the onward march of progress.

There has undoubtedly been an exodus; the closing down of several milling industries has thrown a number of people out of employment and most of them have been compelled to go elsewhere to earn a livelihood. Many people have heeded the call of the West, while others have crossed the border into Uncle Sam's domain. There have been very few, if any, new industries established here during the past decade, so there has been really nothing in the way of a boom likely to bring about a marked increase in the population. A number of people have moved in from the rural districts, some of whom are now keeping boarding-houses, while others are running grocery stores. Old mortality has been busy during the whole ten years, and the statistics show that fully one thousand of our people have, during that time, crossed to that barren whence no traveller returns. The birth rate has not been overly large, but we would not care to say that it has not at least kept pace with the death rate. While it may give some relief to one's feelings of disappointment to lay the blame for the non-increase at the door of the census enumerators, those who stop and calmly consider the matter must conclude that there cannot really be much ground for complaint on that score. The gentlemen selected as census enumerators may not have been perfect, but nobody will say that they did not make an honest effort to carry out the duties assigned to them. They were not paid a fixed rate per day, but upon a basis of so much per name and it is but reasonable to suppose that they tried to make the list of names as large as possible. Possibly they may have missed a name or a family here and there, but it is safe to assume that they did not willfully leave anybody out; indeed, it would be more reasonable to say that if they did make mistakes, being but human beings, they made them on the long side instead of the short. They certainly found many more people than were found by the enumerators who went over the ground in 1901, and they made a much better showing than the young people who took the Sunday School census a few years ago. Although it is rather a bitter pill to swallow, perhaps after all we should accept the figures of the enumerators and thank our stars that they are no worse.

Fredericton is a most beautiful city in which to live, and possesses many advantages over other cities, but the census records for the past forty years show quite conclusively that it has not been strong as a population getter. In 1871 we had a population of 6006, and during the following ten years we acquired 212 new inhabitants, which brought the total at the end of that decade up to 6218. The census enumerators in 1891 were able to discover 6509 people, an increase of 291 for the ten years. The census of 1901 showed a population of 7117, an increase of 608 for the ten years, which was greater than the

combined increase during the two previous decades. When we consider the fact that the decade which ended in 1901 saw the establishment of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Factory and the Aberdeen Mills, the seemingly abnormal growth of the city during that ten years is very easily accounted for. No large industries were established here during the past ten years, and on the other hand the city suffered the loss by fire of the Aberdeen Mill, which, as already stated, was established during the previous decade. We also lost the West End saw mill by fire, while the proprietors of the Victoria Mill were obliged to close down that industry. In the light of these facts it is after all not a matter for great astonishment that the city has not shown a very marked increase of population during the decade just ended. The great majority of men cannot exist without employment, and when an industry closes down there is nothing for those who depended on it for a livelihood to do but to pull up stakes and go elsewhere.

The census returns for the past ten years are disappointing, so far as Fredericton is concerned, but there is no reason why people should become disheartened. There is no use crying over spilt milk; we might as well face the situation as it exists, and try and do better in the future. The trouble seems to be with Fredericton that it has depended too much in the past upon government favors. After all, the prosperity of a city or town depends very much upon the push and enterprise of its own people. It is up to the citizens of Fredericton now to get busy. We have in the past been commercially side-tracked. The completion of the St. John Valley Railway will bring about a change in this respect. It will mean much to Fredericton and an important section of York County. Improved railway facilities will give us a better chance to secure more industries, and more industries will mean more population. If every man will put his shoulder to the wheel and do his share towards boosting Fredericton, the next decennial census will find this good old city very close to the ten thousand mark.

## A TRAGIC STORY

(Montreal Herald)

For the Maritime Provinces the story the census tells is almost tragic. They had 893,953 people ten years ago. They have only 907,384 now. They have only gained 13,431, which is hardly holding their own. Cape Breton alone has averted the disgrace of an absolute loss, for there, there was a gain of 22,369, or nearly nine thousand more than the total gain for the three provinces. Prince Edward Island actually lost 10,000 or that one-tenth which armies in the field consider equal to disaster. Nova Scotia, for all her steel and coal development, gains a bare two thousand. It is to be hoped that those who, these three old Provinces which are thus shown to be outside the circuit of material progress whose current originates on the prairie, are content to face a future which for some time will offer them very little prospect of improvement; it is something for the rest of Canada, at all events, that they took their full share of the responsibility for rejecting an arrangement by which they stood to profit most, and which was indeed negotiated largely for their benefit by one who might be supposed to know their wants best and to care most for their welfare.

Toronto News.—We have a new Cabinet. The slate is clean. The Ministers are men of force and distinction. The country is anxious for an improvement in administration. The best way to strengthen the Conservative party and to maintain the Government in power is to let the hee-ho howl. Governing Canada is a man's job. Nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of its efficient accomplishment.

While Fredericton did not increase very rapidly in population during the past ten years it beat out the sedate old town of Truro by sixty-nine. An explanation for Truro's wretched showing would seem to be due to the crusty old bachelor who edits the Truro News. It is noticeable that some of those who are doing the greatest amount of kicking over the census returns of Fredericton do not figure as stockholders in the industries which give employment to labor.

## A BOSTON SENSATION

(Continued from page one.)

door long enough to persuade her to take a note to the master of the house. Scarcely two minutes later Chief Dugan, Deputy Watts, a sergeant and a stenographer were allowed to enter. Fifteen minutes later they issued from the house, with Richardson walking between them. The minister stopped an instant on the threshold of the mansion to adjust his black fedora hat, then calmly, without sign or trace of emotion or worry, he walked down the path to the street. Deputy Superintendent of Police Watts states that Richeson was arrested on information substantiated by the police, that the minister bought a quantity of cyanide of potassium in a drug store in Newton Centre on Oct. 17th.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 20.—A warrant charging Richeson with first degree of murder was issued by municipal court judge Murray, shortly before 11.30 A. M. It was arranged to bring the minister in court without delay and continue his case until Oct. 31. After arriving at headquarters, deputy superintendent Watts, revealed the information on which the arrest was made. He received word he said last evening from former state representative Elias D. Bishop, a lawyer of Newton, that William Hapn, a druggist of Newton Centre, had sold cyanide of potassium to the minister, whom he knew well on the night of October tenth.

## WAS WELL RECEIVED.

"The White Squaw" was presented at the City Opera House last night before a crowded house and was generally voted to be one of the best plays that has been seen here this season. Miss Clara Greenwood, who played the title role, gave an excellent presentation and received strong support.

## A FINE BILL AT THE UNIQUE

The Robinson trio, colored singers and dancers are playing a strong drawing card at the Unique the audience last night being greater than the house would hold. The pictures today are all changed: The Surge's Temptation (Edison) in the Slums of Paris (Pathe). The stuff Heroes are made of (Biograph) and others.

## FINE ATTRACTION AT BIJOU

The harp that favorite instrument of our forefathers is seldom heard in Fredericton but a master hand is now with us in the person of Master Joseph Pesce, who is filling a short engagement at the Bijou. Don't fail to hear this talented young artist.

Mr. Harry Fair of Brantford is at the Barker House.

His Worship Mayor Thomas is greatly dissatisfied with the recent census and thinks there should be a recount so far as Fredericton is concerned. When one comes to think of it, it is astonishing that a city with such an energetic, dignified and up-to-date Chief Magistrate, should not have made such wretched showing so far as population is concerned.

Chatham World.—That Senator Wood will be appointed Governor in March, and Dr. Daniel succeed him in the Senate, is generally believed and probably correct. The Miramichi, therefore, is not to get a third term.

THE STOCK MARKET  
SHOWS SOME STRENGTH

New York, Oct. 20.—The market opening was strong and active without anything like excitement. Action of stocks was such as to indicate accumulation rather than the hurried covering of shorts. There was evidence of a better sentiment in conservative quarters because of the belief that changes to be made by U. S. S. Corporation in respect to control of ore situation would avert prosecution under anti-trust law.

UNION PACIFIC WAS STRONG AND IT WAS SAID THAT SHORT INTEREST PUT OUT PRIOR TO DECLARATION OF THE LATE STRIKE OF SHOPMEN WAS STILL UNCOVERED. OFFICIALLY THE STRIKE IS "STILL ON" AND MAY LAST FOR EVER BUT THE SHORT INTEREST CANNOT SHOW SIMILAR ENDURANCE. An overnight gain of  $\frac{1}{2}$  was shown by Great Nor. Ore, which opened at 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.)

Copper.....	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atchison.....	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	107 $\frac{1}{2}$
Amalgams.....	65	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brooklyn.....	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	75 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. P. R.....	230 $\frac{1}{2}$	230 $\frac{1}{2}$
Great Northern.....	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
Northern Pacific.....	116 $\frac{1}{2}$	116 $\frac{1}{2}$
Penna.....	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	122 $\frac{1}{2}$
Reading.....	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$
Southern Pacific.....	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	109 $\frac{1}{2}$
Union Pacific.....	163	162 $\frac{1}{2}$
U. S. Steel.....	60	60
Virginia.....	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 $\frac{1}{2}$

## MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Royal Bank, 11 @ 240.	
Bank of Montreal, 5 @ 237, 23 @ 238, 5 @ 239, 11 @ 240.	
Bank of N.S., 36 @ 278.	
Molson's Bank, 1 @ 206.	
Montreal Street, 50 @ 221, 50 @ 223, 50 @ 220 $\frac{1}{2}$ 127, 175 @ 231, 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 231, 50 @ 230 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Cement, com., 200 @ 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 @ 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 625 @ 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 75 @ 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 200 @ 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Shawinigan Rights, 200 @ 70, 505 @ 72, 2 @ 71.	
Iron, com., 285 @ 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 250 @ 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Iron, pfd., 25 @ 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 37 @ 102.	
Cement, pfd., 40 @ 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 @ 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 79 @ 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Wet ds, 10 @ 145, 10 @ 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Steel of Canada, 25 @ 70.	
Crown Reserve, 1100 @ 090.	
Power, 25 @ 173, 175 @ 173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 25 @ 174.	
Shawinigan, 1500 @ 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 50 @ 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 50 @ 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Illinois, 2 @ 90.	
R. & O., 25 @ 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Cannara, 25 @ 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Winnipeg, 25 @ 243.	
Ottawa Power, 50 @ 144.	
Rio, 5 @ 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 20 @ 714.	
Sherwin Williams, 40 @ 89.	

Halifax, Sydney, St. John 'and Moncton, the Maritime Provinces cities which showed an increase in population during the last decade all assisted in returning reciprocity candidates at the last election. Charlottetown on the other hand which lost about eight per cent of its population voted to "let well enough alone." Fredericton gave a Tory majority for the first time in ten years, and the census returns show that the increase of population was smallest of any decade since confederation.

Mr. J. B. Gass of Montreal arrived in the city last night.

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## MOUTH OF KESWICK

Oct. 17.—We are having some very fine weather.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vail spent a few days in this place on their way home to Jacksonville from Gagetown, where they had been attending the Merrieth-Chase wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carlisle of Couer-d' Alene, Idaho, spent a few days in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen are rejoicing over a new arrival, a boy.

Miss Mary Mitchell of Keswick Ridge is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. David Pickard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Merrithew returned home from their bridal trip on Friday evening and was given a rousing serenade by about seventy of their friends.

Miss Jennie Merrithew left on Monday for Woodstock, where she expects to spend a number of months.

The C. P. R. station looks much improved by a new coat of paint. The potato buyers are still kept hustling.



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