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KID FLEMMING'S DREAM

'Twas the eve before departure, While the province soundly slept, O'er our premier's restless slumbers One dark vision slowly crept. Nights before he'd laid in silence; And the world to him did seem, One vast multitude of go(u)ld bugs

That the "grim and silent Reaper." Whom we give the name of death, Came along in search of flowers. Mowed him down with one swift

'Til there came to him this dream

Then by angel wings transplanted J. Kidd left this scene of graft; Next he stood in fear and trembling In the heavenly realms-aghast.

All about him richest splendor. Gorgeous robes and fairest forms. Grandest music softly stealing Over all of heavens charms. Stately halls of smoothest marble Furnished in the grandest style, Widest streets of purest yellow, Go(w)ld that made our Kiddie smile

Rose St. Peter, grand and stately; Spoke he then in fullest tone; While the angels paused to listen All around the great white throne; " James Kidd Flemming is present Let him speak if he would live, While the answer to these questions I command that he shall give."

Art thou honest man or grafter? Speak and be ye not too loath!" Calmly, slowly, James Kidd answered Did'st thou stand for no corruption. Know they not that in this haven Or so the limit for the graft? On Only men of frankness dwell? Or go the limit for the graft? On your oath?

And again our premier answered "Why, I stood flat footed for them both."

Then did St. Peter pause and ponder As he sadly shook his head, Then again to J. Kidd turning Waved for silence, as he said: "Can a man be white and upright At the same time yellow too? Can a man through graft and black-

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To these questions James Kidd answered

As he slowly scratched his head: 'Any man can still be living when in fact he's (politically) dead go on to High Schools. Between the When on earth I ran for office And I have, on many a day, You know I always rode two norses Each one going a different way

'I believe wine can be a at r. Men can be both great and small Happiest people be the saddest: And life's spring time turn to fall, And St. Peter I must tell you, As he gave his form a shrug, That you never ran for office As a subsidized co(u)ld bug.

"Why you know I favor temperance, And for licence, I really do; And I always favored free trade, But I'm for protection, too. believe in all that's holy, Yet I've naught against men's sin And to tell the truth St. Peter, I believe that I am twins.':

Then was Peter sorely puzzled; Flashed his eye as if a flame. Dost though mean thou pious shyster, Scotia 171, and Prince Edward Island That though glory in thy shame? L Get thee hence from out my pre To the darkest depths of-! Well-

The sentence was not finished; James Kidd lay full wide awabe; And the memory of that vision Made the bones within him shake, O'er the horrid sights he'd seen, He consoled himself and murmured

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN THE DOMINION

Interesting Figures Showing How Young Canada is Being Educated From Kindergarten to University

The school attendance of the population of the Dominion, between the ages of five and twenty-four years, is given in a Bulletin issued by Census and Statistics Office. The statistics are based on information collected by the enumerators for the year prior to the taking of the last census, and show that the total number of persons between the ages of six and twenty at that date, was 2,141,909, of whom 1,801,779, or 84.12 per cent. were Canadian-born; 6.65 were British and 9.23 per cent. foreign born. Of this number, only 44.82 per cent. were at school for more than six months in the year, and only 52.51 per cent. attended school for any length of time.

These figures do not seem very creditable or very promising at first sight, but further examination partially accounts for the low percentage at school. The smallest numbers are of children at the age of five, which many people think is too young for beginning school unless a kindergarten is available, and of boys and girls over fifteen, when the public school course is in most cases completed. The largest attendance is between the ages of seven and fourteen, at which period 921,454 children, or 79,83 per cent., attended school, but of these only 69.58 per cent, attended for more than six months in the year

The proportions of boys and girl attending school in Canada are fairly equal at most age periods, the girls being in the majority between the ages of fifteen and twenty, thus in dicating that more girls than boys ages of twenty-one and twenty-four the figures are 4,073 males and 1,740 females. Probably this is due to the fact that more young men enter col lege for the professions; also in some cases young men who have had their own way to make in the world man age to go to school for a part of the year to obtain a belated education One notices that the proportions o. boys and girls attending school are more nearly equal in the Canadianborn population than in the foreign born. In the latter, the boys are in excess except at the five-year ag-

Viewing the figures in the negative the statistics show that of the total number of children between seven and fourteen, the Province of Ontario had 157 children of every 1,000 who were not attending school; Quebec had 190 per 1,000, New Brunswick 200, Nova 154, whose education had apparently been neglected in the year the census was taken. The numbers not reported is attending school were proportionately larger in the Western Provinces, but this does not by any means indicate that opportunities for education are not valued in those provinces. On the contrary, new schools are opened up every week the year. But the circumstances of settlement in a new country, par "Thank the Lord! Twas but a ticularly when settlers have to take dream." up homesteads in remote districts make it impossible sometimes to send the children to school, at least for some years until more settlers come in

As might be expected, the attend-And throughout this grand old valley ance was proportionately larger in the cities and towns than in the country districts. The children of immigrants from foreign countries show the smallest percentage attending Al Kubiak vs. Battling Levinsky, school, only 48.19 per cent. for over

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