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SIGNIFICANT NAMES

There is a Marked Difference in Place Names in Ontario and Quebec

The place names of Ontario and Quebec eloquently reflect the historical background of the respective peoples. Journey through Ontario and you are confronted with names of counties, townships, towns and villages lifted almost bodily from England, as in Middlesex, Lincoln or York. Go through Quebec and we meet the names of French Kings. Governors and explorers, not to speak of innumerable saints held in close reverence by a devoted people. In Ontario we find in the nomenclature a solemn march of heroes. Governors, poets, philanthropists, statesmen, discoverers and martyrs, connected with the expansion or glory of England, such as Sir Isaac Brock, Sir Guy Carleton, General Haldimand, Governor Hamilton, Governor Hope, General Prescott, the Duke of Richmond, Lord Durham, Sydneyham and Aylmer, Governor Simcoe, Sir Charles Bagot, Hilton, Collingwood, Wellington, Nelson, Raleigh, Hampden, Palmerston, Pitt, Harvey, Franklin, Wilberforce and Macaulay, with such reminders of victory as Blenheim, Trafalgar, Vincent, Waterloo and Sebastopol.

In Quebec how different are the scenes called up by the names of cities, rivers, counties and parishes. Champlain, after the founder of Quebec; Chicoutimi, the first French Viceroy; Montmagny, who succeeded Champlain. Two officers of the Carignan regiment, St. Louis and Richeheu, perpetrate the name of a monarch of France and his long-trusted minister; Frontenac, Vaudreuil, and Beauharnois were three of the most able and energetic of the French Governors of Canada, while Bishop Laval, General Montcalm and de Lévis, Cardinal Richelieu, Charlevoix, and other celebrities are similarly remembered. As to the names of saints, the calendar and Acta Sanctorum seem to have been ransacked, and not even the most obscure result of canonization overlooked.

EMPIRE BUILDERS

Such Are Poets Whether of Words or of the Axe and Pick

Like the Greeks who made no distinction between thinking and doing, we who speak the English tongue were above all a practical people, who loved being and doing and the strong, free life, said Mr. F. R. Benson, the great interpreter of Shakespeare's dramas.

A transcontinental railway builder was a poet, not of words but in vision, leader of a band who carved out empire, not "writing his sorrows or the bosom of earth, making dust his paper," but in terms of pick and ax and dredge, in tunnel and train, wedging east and west. He was one who could identify himself with the living principle of all things, who saw the relation between the particular and the universal, surely a practical man for our generation, and all generations to come, and that was the meaning of poet. A concrete example was given at the Stratford-Upon-Avon festival, where people were joined in a mighty realization of the brotherhood of man, not in the pink-blooded terms of the copybook heads, but with the vital intensification of national feeling and patriotism. Mr. Benson had a vision of a great empire of English-speaking people, of which Shakespeare's drama would be one of the chief links.

In a time of strikes, a striker told him how at Shakespeare's shrine he had gathered a sense of the harmony of life, and had seen the due relation of things. He added: "Shakespeare has shown me a better way than dynamite." Another man had prayed God's blessing on the Stratford Theatre. "It has shown me in Shakespeare's plays how we British became what we are, and how we may keep so."

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Each of these doors weighs a ton and is made of steel, with an oak core; whilst each of the keys is held by a different Government official, so that it is impossible for any one of these officials to gain admission to the treasure chambers unaccompanied.

Is the money ever counted? No never. The task, of course, would be almost impossible; but periodically each chest is weighed—and the correct weight, it may be said, is known to the smallest fraction of an ounce; whilst occasionally the seals are broken, the chests opened, and a careful inspection made by certain officials, to make sure that the tents have not been tampered with any way.

Animals' Speed

No animal is known to have exceeded the speed attained by the horse. Instantaneous photographs of one famous specimen showed the full length of one complete stride of about 26 feet. In the stride of the fastest racers the hindquarters and limbs are raised considerably higher than the shoulders, and from this relatively great height brought downward and forward, widely separated from each other, to avoid striking the forelegs. The hare has not in reality the speed of the dog. The dog, on the other hand, does not attain the speed of the horse. The giraffe is said to run at the rate of fifteen yards per second under the most favorable conditions.

PIPES AND PIPERS

There is hardly a country in the world where the pipe is not smoked in one form or another.

The Kaffir loves his pipe, and, failing the genuine article, will use anything that will hold tobacco—from a piece of iron piping to a cow's horn. When not even these are available he will use the earth! He does this by making a small hole to hold the tobacco, from which he makes a passage for the smoke by pushing a curved piece of wire through the ground. He then lies face downwards, applies a light to the tobacco, and his lips to the ground, at the spot where he has withdrawn the wire, and smokes in peace.

In many villages of the north-west provinces of India are to be found public hookahs for the use and comfort of travellers.

Everyone has heard of the North American Indian's pipe of peace. General Blucher's pipe-smoking was of a very different character. He appointed a man to the post of "pipe-master," whose duty it was to fill a long clay pipe and hand it to the general before every engagement. Blucher would then enjoy a few whiffs, give back the pipe, and gallop into the fighting line.

World's Coldest City

The coldest city in the world is said to be Verkhoyansk in northern Siberia. The average annual temperature is eight degrees above zero, and the winter record is eighty-five degrees below zero. The rivers freeze solid to the bottom, small trees snap and split from the cold. Yet in summer the temperature averages fifty-nine degrees above zero and vegetation flourishes, though the ground a few feet below it never thaws out.

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