

NEW ZEALAND WILL HAVE PROHIBITION IN TEN YEARS.

Woman Suffrage to Blame—Dr. Rutherford Returns From the Antipodes and Discusses the Political, Commercial and Educational Outlook in His Native Land.

Dr. Rutherford, professor of physics at McGill University, has just returned from a four months' trip to the Antipodes, where he spent the vacation with relatives and friends, and was an interested observer of the latest developments of the progressive legislation which has made New Zealand prominent in the British empire as a pioneer in social reform.

Dr. Rutherford is a New Zealander and as such he is in sympathy with the advanced position which the colony takes, but he admits that while good results have been obtained, it would be a mistake to assume that the people were fully convinced of the wisdom of all the changes that have been made.

A general election is approaching and it is not improbable, Dr. Rutherford thinks, that Premier Seddon, who has been at the helm for more than a dozen years, will find himself borne again to a new lease of power on the crest of the wave of prosperity that is still flowing over the land.

Dr. Rutherford, who came from Fiji by the Steamer Adrang, of the Canadian-Australian line, mentioned that the New Zealanders would be glad could an arrangement be made by which the vessels of that line would call at a New Zealand port, but at present these colonists were dependent upon the more rapid mail line by way of San Francisco.

An interesting piece of news in connection with the Canadian line was the fact that the Anierangi brought the first shipment of sugar, 1,000 tons, to Canada. It is expected that a sugar export of about 14,000 tons a year will in future come from the refineries of Fiji to Canada.

Speaking of the prosperous condition of New Zealand, he says the farming community are doing extremely well, and there has been quite a boom in the price of land, owing chiefly to the thriving dairy trade, and the export of butter and frozen mutton to England. It is this trade that has really made the prosperity of New Zealand, and thanks to its development, Mr. Seddon may look forward to a new expression of confidence from the people.

His return, however, is not an absolute certainty, for there is a certain amount of dissatisfaction with

the government land policy—local discontent in parts—engendered by the cutting up of the lands for re-settlement, and the policy of leasing the land and discouraging the sale, which secures for the government a permanent revenue from the soil. This has resulted in some cases in as many as from 100 to 200 families settling upon sections where formerly there had been but one. The policy is popular among some, but among others—more particularly the original owners—it is regarded with distrust.

Dr. Rutherford was pleasantly surprised on going home this time to note a thorough awakening of interest in Canada. He found everybody reading Mr. Fraser's book, "Canada As It Is," a work which, though little known, and read in the Dominion itself, is, with its dramatic pictures of the wheat fields, arousing much interest in other parts of the empire.

Dr. Rutherford declared that the extension of the political franchise to women had not had the disturbing effect in politics that had been predicted of it, and its effect in so far as the cause of temperance and prohibition was concerned, had been strongly felt on the side of reformers. He believed that the next election would show a large extension of the prohibition areas in New Zealand where the people voted upon the liquor license question when the vote for the members of the Legislature.

If the temperance movement continued its present rate of progress the probability was that the whole country would in ten years be prohibitory. In that case it would be an ideal place for the demonstration of the efficacy of the principle in the people who, separated as they were from those of other states, would be able to give it a better trial than most countries could give.

Speaking of education, both in the elementary and higher grades, Dr. Rutherford said that New Zealand was fully alive to the necessity of a progressive policy. Elementary education was compulsory and free; technical schools for the education of artisans were flourishing in most of the cities, and the university colleges in the capitals of the four states themselves in line with the progressive thought of the day.

FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

The grape culture in France gives employment to two million people. The native of India has an average life of twenty-four years, as against forty-four in England.

Opals are so soft when first taken from the mines that pieces can be picked off with the fingers. Shells filled with oil, intended to calm a stormy sea when fired into it, have been invented in France.

At Quito, the only city in the world on the line of the equator, the sun sets and rises at six o'clock the year round.

Agitation has started through the Panama Journal for a reading room on Young Men's Christian Association lines in Panama for the employees on the Isthmus Canal.

There is still another new high explosive—vigortite—which has been invented and tested in Bavaria. It is said to be ten times more active than any of the other high explosives.

There is in London an unannounced plague of mosquitoes. They are being found all over the metropolis and in many places have given considerable work to the medical practitioners and to the hospitals.

Madrid still has the medieval night watchmen. They admit the late comers to the apartment houses at night, but no longer sing out the night or the condition of the weather. They still go by the name of serenos, which they got from the fact that, as it seldom rains in Spain, their cries about the weather generally ended in that word, "las tres y serenos."

China is anxious to have a national anthem. It is much impressed by the fact that Japan has provided itself with one. The victory of the Chinese province in which Peking is situated, has commissioned Perfect Lo Ying-keng, who has composed some pieces of music on lines combining foreign and Chinese characteristics, to see about the matter.

Captain Edward Molineux of the East Indian service, has perfected a device for laying a very fine cable from horseback, and in practice marches it has been found possible to keep in telegraphic communication with the other divisions, even while on the move. The wire can be paid out while the mount proceeds at a gallop, and may be reeled in again as rapidly as it was paid out.

chosen which serves the same purpose. Some recrudescence, however, of the sale of alcoholic sweets is reported to have taken place recently in the form of "liqueur chocolates." The chocolates were found to contain strength in a free form varying in strength from 8.7 to 11.0 degrees.

Our contemporary presumes, says the Daily News, that this means degrees of proof spirit, and if so, the actual alcohol present would amount to about five per cent. by volume. But it is obvious from this calculation that it would be quite possible to obtain a toxic dose of alcohol by taking a sufficient quantity of the sweets.

The practice, however, is likely to be quickly suppressed by the Excise authorities, who, in jealously guarding the interests of the Revenue, check at the same time the spread of what might easily be a demoralizing traffic.

WOMAN DROVE 6000 MILES IN SURREY.

New York Woman Made Novel Trip to Montreal and Return.

New York, Sept. 13.—Having covered six hundred miles between New York and Montreal in a two seated surrey drawn by her little cob Black Beauty, and driven all the way by herself, Mrs. Lehman Strauss, of No. 606 West 115th street, a well known exhibitor at the horse shows at Newport, Atlantic City and Long Branch has just finished one of the most novel vacation trips ever undertaken by a woman.

Tired of the ordinary summer resort life, Mrs. Strauss, accompanied only by her little daughter Mildred, left home on August 1 and averaged twenty-eight miles driving a day,

not to mention the distance travelled by boat, which occasionally became necessary. They came back brown as berries and much improved in health while the cob, notwithstanding the long journey, lost not a pound of flesh.

"Leaving here," said Mrs. Strauss on her return yesterday, "we took the Troy evening boat, arriving the next morning. They began the drive, Lake George being our first destination. We went by way of Schuylerville, remained over night, and next day went down the lake to Baldwin. From there we drove to Fort Ticonderoga, and then we went down Lake Champlain as far as Burlington, Vt. We drove from Burlington to Essex Junction, by way of Fort Ethan Allen, and paid some visits in Vermont for a day."

"After having Black Beauty registered to avoid difficulty with the authorities across the border, we crossed into Canada, and reached St. John about five o'clock. Next morning we drove to Montreal by way of St. Lambert, crossing the new Victoria Bridge about a mile and a half long."

After two days in Montreal we took the ferry to La Pierre. From there we drove along the St. Lawrence river, nine miles, passing the Lachine rapids, and through Caughnawaga, an Indian reservation. A young half breed showed us through the reservation and acted as interpreter. Next we drove to Chateauguay Basin, remained overnight and the following morning pushed on to Huntingdon, making the longest drive we had so far had, forty miles. "Being anxious to get back to an English-speaking country, we left Huntingdon early next morning for Malone, N. Y., and found it such a pretty little town that we stayed until the next day. Then we made for the Adirondacks."

"We had only one real hard rainy day all the time, never lost our way once, and had a charming time."

KING VISITS SCENE OF DISASTER.

Ten Villages Were Totally Destroyed by Recent Earthquake in Italy.

Monteleone, Calabria, September 13.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived here Tuesday to visit the places struck by the earthquake. He was received by Signor Ferraris, Minister of Public Works, and the population, who gave him a demonstrative and grateful welcome. Signor Ferraris had previously visited the village of Stannaro, which presented a terrible spectacle. All the houses had been destroyed and the inhabitants are in a condition of terror.

During the railway trip from Tripoli, Signor Ferraris saw from an elevation the ruins of a village completely destroyed. Trippani shows the immensity of the disaster. The western walls of all the buildings have tumbled down, and the Minister stood at the edge of a great fissure of earth, where formerly existed a portion of the place now swallowed up.

At Piscopio troops are burying bodies and everywhere officers and soldiers are sharing their rations with the population.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED KILLED.

New York, Sept. 13.—A special despatch from Rome to the New York Sun states the results of the earthquake in Calabria have been fully ascertained.

Over 1,500 persons were killed. The burials are feverishly hurried, for slight delays continue, completing the destruction of the crumbling villages. Ten villages were totally destroyed. Military bakeries are distributing bread to the population, who are panic-stricken and famished.

King Victor Emmanuel has forwarded to Calabria orders suspending taxation in the suffering district. He is supervising the relief operations personally. Ample funds have been collected throughout Italy, and have been promptly forwarded.

Alfonso, the celebrated director of the Observatory, who predicted the earthquakes in Northern Italy last April, announced a probable recurrence of earthquakes in Calabria.

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AT A LONDON TERMINUS.

The story that the London porter gave me in acknowledgment that the laugh he had was his. A few weeks ago a gentleman came up to him on the arrival of the express and said that he had changed at such and such a junction, and that he could find no luggage in the van.

That's all right, sir, said the porter, the train divides into two halves at the junction. You've come on the first half, your luggage will come on the second. I've known many a similar case.

You're wrong, said the traveller, it was not a case, it was a portmanteau.

He went away with a grin that made me mad. In a quarter of an hour or so, he continued, the gentleman came back again and said to me,

Porter, how long will that second train of yours be?

Then I rapped out,

Twelve coaches and an engine, sir. I think that I was quits with him, then, sir, don't you?

Friendship between women is a sort of business co-partnership wherein each expects a favor of the other.

MAN NEARLY TORN TO PIECES.

He War Gored by an Infuriated Bull in Stock Yards.

Montreal, Sept. 13.—Arsene Denis, forty-eight years of age, of St. Norbert, Berthier County, was attacked by a savage bull in the Canadian Pacific Railway stock yards Saturday afternoon, and had a very narrow escape from being gored to death. He is now lying at the General Hospital suffering from internal injuries, but the surgeons have good hopes for his recovery. Mr. Denis, who is a powerful man, was engaged in shifting cattle to be exhibited at the Sherbrooke exposition when all of a sudden, without a moment's warning, the infuriated animal rushed at him. Being in close quarters, he was unable to get in his deadly work, otherwise he would likely have torn the man to shreds.

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