Our Northern Neighbor



Round-Up of Buffalo in Western Canada.

(Prepared by the National Geographic THE epoch-making decision of the so-called Imperial conference in London recently, that the principal dominions of the "British empire" shall become practically independent, completely selfgoverning states, centers particular interest on each of the three remoter big units, Canada, Australia and South Africa. Among these three dominions, Canada naturally looms largest and most important to Americans since for thousands of miles only a surveyed line separates its territory from our own. But Canada is actually the largest and most important of the three. Its population is close to 9,500,-000, and its area is more than 3,600,-000 square miles, placing it ahead of Australia and South Africa on both counts.

The Canadian government, as it is now constituted, owes its existence to "The British North America Act" of 1867. The act states that the Canadian constitution shall be similar in principle to that of Great Britain, Naturally nothing is said in the document in regard to the Constitution of the United States, but it is known that the members of the constitutional convention had our constitution clearly in mind and used it and its history as a guide.

The central government is made up of nine united provinces, and as with us authority is divided between the main government and its units. The legislative branch consists of a senate with a fixed number of members from each province, and a house of commons whose members are elected in proportion to population.

Here the superficial resemblances to the government of the United States cease. There is no elected official comparable to our President. Instead, the executive is a governor general appointed by the British king. Heretofore this appointee has practically represented the British government in Canada, but as a result of the recent pronouncement of the Imperial conference he will hereafter be shorn of this status.

Senate Like House of Lords. The Canadian senate is a sort of dominion house of lords without the titles. Its members are appointed, not elected, and they hold office for life. The provinces do not have an equal representation as do the American states. There are 24 senators each from Ontario and Quebec, 10 each from Nova Scotla and New Brunswick, 4 from Prince Edward Island and 6 each from Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatche-

Although the Canadians followed in a way the form of our Union, they directly reversed one important principle. In the United States the states retain all powers not specifically delegated to the central government: in Canada the central government has all powers not specifically given to the provinces.

Most of Canada's population is concentrated in a zone about 250 miles wide along the United States-Canadian boundary. And within this zone the concentration is heaviest quite close to the border. Inhabited Canada, then, is in effect a ribbon of territory 3,000 miles long, stretching from ocean to ocean.

Approaching from the east, one first reaches the maritime provinces, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, (Newfoundland, adjoining these three, it should be mentioned, is not a part of Canada, but a separate colony). The maritime provinces, all small, are the only ones which are fairly evenly settled

throughout. Quebec province has a population of nearly two and a half millions, but most of this is in the region close to the St. Lawrence river, and south of the Canadian National railway. From this inhabited zone the province stretches off northward, beside Hudson bay and on the Hudson strait, farther north than the southern tip of

Greenland. Up to Hudson Bay. Even Ontario, southernmost of the larger provinces and most populous of them all, is undeveloped and very | developments on the Pacific.

meagerly settled in its northern half. It reaches Hadson bay in the north. The third province to touch Hudson bay is Manitoba. This province, like the other two named, is marked by populous southern zone around Winni peg, and the almost deserted lands to the north nearer the bay. Just north of the developed region in all three of these provinces are dense forests, in which clearings are beginning to make their way as they did in the Middle West of the United States in pioneer days. Much farther north, wherever the ground is low, is the "muskeg" country, a region of grassy marshes in summer, and frozen wastes in winter. Hudson bay, surrounded by Canadian territory, is one of the most characteristic features on the map of North

America, standing out as strikingly as

the Gulf of Mexico. On the west coast are Port Churchill the bay's best port, and about a hundred miles to the north, Port Nelson both in Manitoba. These ports are to be connected by railroads with Winnipeg and the wheat and cattle country to the west. Sailing vessels ply Hud son bay between July 15 and October 1, and steamers for a slightly longer period. When the railroads increase the importance of the Hudson bay ports it is believed that ice-crushing ships will make possible the shipping of cargoes between June 15 and No vember 1. By the Hudson bay route Edmonton, Alberta, is 1,000 miles near er Liverpool than by the Montrea route. The country in every direction from the bay is rich in the history and traditions of the picturesque old Hudson Bay company.

The Prairie Provinces.

The three prairie provinces of Can ada-Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta-may well be gether, for among them they cover al of Canada which is in process of be ing settled, west of the older Grea-Lakes province of Ontario and east o the Rocky mountains. This is Cana da's "West," where restless pionee: spirits from all lands are carving ou an empire as kindred spirits a genera tion ago wrought the wilderness of the Missouri valley and the "great Ameri can desert" into the rich states of to

The Canadian pioneers have advan tages over those who won the Ameri can West in that they have bette railroad methods and equipment, tele phones and wireless. But they have : relentless new enemy in the bitte cold of the northern regions of the

The predominant part of the pop ulation and development of the threprovinces is in their southern halves In this region Winnipeg, capital o Manitoba, with its population close to 200,000, is Canada's Chicago of a gen eration or so ago; while Edmonton capital of Alberta, is the St. Paul of similar period. The northern portion of the provinces is a region crossed by many rivers and dotted with num berless lakes.

Even more of a wilderness are th territories of Keewatin and Macken zie, which extend from the prairi provinces northward to the Polar seas Most of this region has been explored only along the largest rivers an Innumerable lakes are to b found there, and between them muc | the town had celebrated its just disof the region is muskeg country Farther west, adjoining Alaska, lie the Yukon territory, well-known to its gold rushes. This is a mountait that of the most popular man, and ons and plateau region, rich in man at the end of the first of the four kinds of minerals. As yet it is prac weeks Klaxon led the list with 609 nuteness, tically without railways.

The extreme western province ad joining the United States is Britis' Columbia, Canada's Switzerland, Th the eastern boundary, and the entir is mountainous. The coast is deept ner of British Columbia, hard by th ular. United States border, is Vancouver Canada's great Pacific port, and th western terminus of her chief trans continental railway. By virtue of Vaz couver and the important trade route second week's voting with Ed Simthat converge there. Canada become

IT WAS A **GREAT PRIZE** CONTEST

By EGBERT MORGAN

(Copyright by W. G. Chapman.) HERE might have been twenty young women in Peterson's Monument. Peterson's Monument was a typical mining town, and contained half a dozen millionaires, five hundred prospectors and a smattering of tramps, storekeepers and professional men. There was Ransom, the heart-breaker, and little Klaxon, who sold mining tools, and the regular assortment of human characters that one would expect to find in just such a place.

Nobody knew why the engagement between Ransom and Dorothy Bennett, the president's stenographer, had been broken off, but it was surmised that Dorothy had not exercised her privilege from volition. Ransom was blamed more than he would have been in an eastern town-but just about then something happened which entirely changed the current of our thoughts.

The Western Film company came through and dropped off Edna Lane, their leading lady. She had decided to take up ranching, and had fixed on Peterson's Monument, which had some fine agricultural land in the vicinity. My own estimate of Miss Lane was that she had suffered the usual dis-Illusionment about life that comes to such women at twenty-eight or nine. Anyway, the film company decided to give her a grand send-off.

"Miss Lane will positively marry the most popular man in Peterson's Monument, Red Gulch or Burntover,"

announced the general manager. Red Gulch and Burntover, which aggregated a good deal of money between them, came to look the proposition over. Miss Lane came up to the scratch smiling. Yes, she didn't care whom she married, she said, as long as he could take care of the farm, and she wouldn't go back on her word, not even if the most popular man happened to be little Harry Klaxon, with one shoulder higher than the other.

Red Gulch and Burntover developed a strong mutual rivalry and each town was resolved to have the honor of one of its citizens marrying Miss Lane. However, Peterson's Monument had its own ideas upon the subject. At 25 cents a vote, it calculated that, if some prominent man helped out, it could vote Ransom into the job.

The prominent man, it may be said, was the employer of Miss Dorothy Bennett, who had been turned down by him. Ransom, pursuing his heartless way, had soon forgotten, but I knew Miss Dorothy had not.

The mayor went to Ransom, "Pe terson's Monument has done well by you," he said, "and Peterson's Monument expects you to do well by it, and not let Red Gulch or Burntover steal Miss Lane away from us. You've got to be the handsomest and most popular man in town. It ain't hard for you, with all your lady-loves, which means no offense.

"I'll do it," answered Ransom, after he had a look at Miss Lane.

Some of the folks tried to stop it. They said Miss Lane was a heartless young woman to sell herself in that way. But it seemed that she had the same idea as the mayor. The film company had done well by her, and she meant to do well by the film com pany, which was only a little eastern affair, and wasn't rolling in money They had very considerately allowed her to break her contract, and she meant to give them a good send-off.

Incidentally they were already reap ing so rich a harvest that they saw one error of theirs and raised the price of votes to a dollar. Nobody kicked.

Incidentally, also, it might be added that Miss Dorothy, being a determined. strong-minded girl, had what was called a pull with the prominent man, who had promised to buy as many votes as he could afford in order to keep Miss Lane for Peterson's Monu-

Then somebody interfected a side issue. It was all very well for Peterson's Monument to get Miss Lane, but why should such a prize go to Ransom. who would probably grow tired of his wife inside of two months, and not to Rex, the pharmacist, who was very

"Let the girls settle it among themselves," suggested little Alf Peterson. whose father's grave had given the name to the settlement. Alf's father had been the only man scalped by Indians in the Twentieth century, and tinction by raising a memorial to him.

Then a hideous jest was perpetrated. Somebody put in Klaxon's name as votes, Ransom coming second with

Now Klaxon was a jest. Some one had perceived the way he looked at crest of the Rocky mountains form Miss Lane, who treated him as the dirt beneath her shoes. Klaxon was too province westward to the Pacific coas shy to open his mouth in the presence of a girl. Klaxon was a good little indented with fiords that rival thos fellow, but popular? No! He was presenting a striking resemblance to of Norway. In the southwestern cor everything else, but not exactly pop-

"If we don't settle on Ransom Red Gulch will run away with the prize," groaned the mayor, when Red Gulch mons, the stenographer, counting one of the nations vitally interested b 1,179. "We've got to pull together."

time? Chatting and flirting with the boys and having a good time. She seemed entirely heartless,

I knew she wasn't. It was this way I came upon her and the manager, chatting together in the front of the hotel, and before I had time to get away I heard her sobbing.

"Now see here, Miss Lane," said the manager, "just you give me the word and I'll can the whole business. It only started in fun, anyway. You said you thought it would be fine. Now if there happens to be some other young

"There isn't one," sobbed the girl. "I don't care whether I get married or not. One man's as good as another, I reckon. No, I've given my word, and

I'm game enough to see it through," The manager was a good-hearted fellow, but he had no particular wish forfeit those \$3,000 that were going to take the show on to San Francisco, and so he didn't urge the girl. But I came away with a new view of the situation.

Meanwhile, who was backing little Klaxon? That was what everybody wanted to know. At the end of the third week the score ran as follows: First, Ed Simmons, 1,872; second, Ransom, 1,775; third, Jennings of Burntover, with 1,664; fourth, little Klaxon, with 1,475.

Who was putting money into Klaxon? Who had sunk \$1,400 in the shy little man who gazed adoringly at the girl and blushed and hurried away when anybody asked him if he expected to become a benedict? It was sug gested that he was financing himself; but apart from the grave question whether he had \$1,400 odd in money it was clear that he wished the whole joke at the bottom of the sea.

The serious part of the business was that Red Gulch has the lead on Peterson's Monument. That was not to be tolerated. A deputation went to the prominent man and he gave his word of honor to put enough money into the fourth week to enable Peterson's Monument to make sure of the prize. Nobody asked any more. No one suspected that it was he who was backing Klaxon. But then, as I said. Miss Dorothy was a girl of determination.

When the final votes were counted they ran as follows: First, Klaxon, 3,979; second, Ed Simmons, 2,405; third, Jennings, 2,276; fourth, Ransom,

There was a moment of stupefaction, and then our mayor threw up his "Three cheers for Mr. Klaxon and his bride and three more for the bride, and a tiger for Peterson's Monument!" he shouted.

In the silence that preceded the cheer, just that moment of silence when men drew in their breath, I saw Ransom's face go white. He had been sure of Miss Lane, had joked and flirted with her all the time. Then I saw him looking at a woman on the front seat of the theater where the result was announced. It was Dorothy Bennett, and-then I knew who had queered his game with Miss Edna

Where was Klaxon? Nobody knew. The little man had left the theater, white and shaking, when the announcement was made. The boys went after him and caught him and brought him back, squirming, and offering to resign, to where Miss Edna Lane stood, with a white, contemptuous face, waiting for his

Once there, he squared his shoulders like a man. And somehow there was something dignified about little Klaxon, so that involuntarily the girl's face softened. Before he could speak the crowd had intervened.

"To the minister! To the minister! it roared.

In a trice a guard of honor had been formed about the couple, and. shoulder-high, they were conveyed to the house of Rev. James Piggott, sole minister of Peterson's Monument.

"My friends-" he began, but the crowd cut him short.

"Say, it's Mr. Klaxon or Ed Sim mons, and we don't mean to let that lantern-jawed Red Gulcher get away with Miss Lane," they yelled. "See the point?"

Mr. Piggott saw, and little Klaxon, and apparently Miss Lane; so they were married, and half the contents of Jim Roe's shoestore were flung after the bridal couple as they departed on their honeymoon

There isn't any moral to this, ex cept that Mr. Klaxon, our mayor, and the most popular one we ever had. says that he owes all his success to his wife, who is devoted to him. Oh, yes, about Ransom. Why, Dorothy got him, and they live a cat-and-dog life together. It almost seems as if Dorothy Bennett had queered her own game instead of-well, instead of Edna Lane's, anyway.

Success in Producing an Artificial Comet

Two members of one of our universities obtained a very accurate reproduction of a comet's tail while experimenting with the pressure of light upon floating particles of extreme mi-

A powder consisting of emery and the spores of puffballs was put into a vacuum tube from which the air was exhausted as completely as possible. When the rays from an arc light were concentrated upon the powder, then the lighter particles were seen to be blown out as if repelled by the light, a comet's tall.

According to the best opinion, this is analogous to the way in which the sun actually produces the tails of comets. The experimenters found that the made a sudden spurt and headed the effect upon the powder was of the same order of magnitude as would be expected from the value of the pressure of light deduced by them from What was Miss Lane doing all this other experiments.

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Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for January 16

THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF HIS BIBLE

LESSON TEXT-Deut. 6:4-9; II Tim.

GOLDEN TEXT -- Thy word is a lamp nto my feet and a light unto my path. PRIMARY TOPIC—The Best Book in JUNIOR TOPIC-Studying our March-

ing Orders.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-IC—How to Read and Study the Bible.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-IC—How to Get Help From the Bible.

I. God's Instructions to Israel as to the Use of the Scriptures (Deut.

1. The central truths to be taught (vv. 4, 5).

(1) The unity of God (v. 4). "The Lord our God is one Lord." This was a testimony against the polytheism existing among the Gen-

tiles of that day. (2) Man's supreme obligation (v. 5). "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and might," God should be loved with all the heart, soul and might because He is the alone and supreme God. This being the first and great commandment, we

know what is man's supreme duty. 2. How these truths are to be kept alive (vv. 6-9).

"These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart." In order that God's Word might be in the heart they were enjoined-

(1) To teach them diligently unto thy children (v. 7). The most important part of a child's

education is that given in the home in the Word of God. (2) "Shall talk of them when thou

sittest in thine house" (v. 7). This is the right kind of home life. (3) Shall talk of them when walking with our children and friends

(v. 7). What more interesting, important and uplifting topic upon which to converse with our friends.

(4) Shall talk of them when retiring for the night (v. 7). The last thing upon which the mind should rest before going to sleep

should be God and His truth. (5) Talk of them when rising in the morning (v. 7). How fitting that God should speak

to us through His Word the first thing when we awake. (6) "Bind them upon thine hand

for a sign" (v. 8). This was literally done by the Jews

as portions of the Scriptures were worn upon their wrists.

(7) "They shall be as frontlets between thine eyes" (v. 8). This also was literally done by the

Jews even to wearing portions of the Scriptures in little boxes between eyes, (8) "Thou shalt write them on the posts of thy house and on thy gates" (v. 9). They were to be constantly

before their eyes II. Paul's Instruction to Timothy as to the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:14-17). In this chapter Paul makes clear to Timothy that perilous times would come. False teachers would arise within the church and lead astray sentimental and unsuspecting people as neurotic women. People professing godliness would deny its power by godless living. So awful will this condition be that those who live godly lives shall suffer persecution. Paul's own life of suffering was an example of what fidelity and testimony would bring. In the last days he predicts that this attitude on the part of these false teachers would be intensified,

for "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." In the face of such trying circum stances Paul exhorts Timothy-

1. To remain steadfast, to abide in the eternal truths which had been taught to him (v. 14).

He assures him that though trying times would come and violent storms of opposition would beat heavily upon him, Timothy would find the Word of God an abiding, unshaken foundation. The Holy Scriptures will abide even when heaven and earth have passed away; therefore the necessary thing is to abide in them.

2. The knowledge furnished by the Word of God was sufficient for the perplexing and trying times through which he was to pass (v. 15). The Bible furnishes wisdom which can be found in no other place. This wisdom, as all true wisdom, leads straight to Jesus Christ, who gives salvation. 3. The Scriptures are inspired of

Inspiration breathed." Because of this fact they should be held with confidence.

Abiding in the Scriptures will perfectly equip the minister for his work

Mulching Plum Trees

Mulching the plum trees after the ground is thoroughly frozen may save the plum crop from freezes late in the spring, says A. L. Ford, extension specialist in horticulture at South Dakota State college. Ordinarily plums blossom too early in South Dakota. A mulch in the fall will keep them dormant for a longer period in the spring and may retard the bloom until after the critical frost period. This mulch should be applied around the base of the tree.



THE EXCEPTION

The young woman was shown round the ship by a mate. She saw everything, including the cabins, the stokehold, and the saloons. At last they came to the bridge, where the captain was standing.

"Ah, so that's the captain," remarked the visitor. "He's the man whose word is law while you're at sea,

"No, madam, not this time," said the mate. "You see, the wife's coming with him on this trip."-Edinburgh

RIGHT DIRECTION



She (under spell of vernal moon) Let's sit on the step and talk. He (under same spell)-That's a step in the right direction, I'd say.

No Need to Hurry

"Judge," requested the prisoner at the bar, "I'd like to start serving my sentence right away, so I'll have it over quicker.

"No hurry, my boy," replied the judge genially. "It's going to be a life sentence." — American Legion Monthly.

Bad Outlook

"This is a knotty case. Eight women on the jury."

"And the woman you defend?" "Is accused of stealing another woman's cook."

"What's worrying you?" "I'm afraid they'll hang my client."

Kill the Dog

Harold-There's the handkerchief you dropped last night, dear. I slept with it under my pillow and I've kissed it a thousand times. Alice-That isn't my handkerchief. That's little Fido's sweater.

Correct Conclusion

"Black chile, does you all know what deceit am?" "Suttinly I does, Beelzebub." "Den what is it?"

"Well, when I leans ovah an' heahs somethin' rip, I knows dat's de seat." A Sad Mistake

Wilkes-So the bridegroom didn't show up at the wedding? Crandall-No; they forgot to send him an invitation.

Question

"Dolly's all right if you know how to take her." "Well, I'm taking her ir a taxi, is that the proper way?"

A PRETTY PICKLE



Old Maid Sour Pickle-Look at those disgusting Sweet Pickles!

Her Opinion

Angry Girl to Druggist-This vanishing cream is a fake. Druggist-How come?

Furious Female-I've used it on my nose every night for two weeks, and it's just as long as it ever was!

No Sign of a Breakdown Disgusted Parent-How much longer do you expect me to go on supporting

Stolid Son-Well, father, you know you are in the pink of condition.

Contagious

Mrs. Greene-The professor's wife almost as absent-minded as he is. Mrs. Blue-What did she do?

Mrs. Greene-Built a fire in the bureau and put her stockings in the

Between Sportsmen "Any luck today?"

"Two rabbits, nine geese, a turkey and four ducks."

"All with one gun?" "No, with one motor car,"