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THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF LIFE.

Mr. Blue, the Dominion Census Commissioner, estimates the average life of Canadian people at 27 years. This may strike the reader at first as a very brief lifetime, but if the vast multitude who die in infancy were deducted it would seem that of those who attain to adult years the average would still be good. Even twenty-seven years of average life is one half more than the average in the Roman Empire of Pliny's day when it was but eighteen years. And the Canadian people are living longer than they did in the early years of Confederation. Mr. Blue estimates the average gain in that regard as 3.28 years, which is quite remarkable. We are inclined to doubt the justness of Mr. Blue's estimate, which is based on the inaccurate and incomplete vital statistics of the Provinces. European statisticians give the average duration of life all the way from thirty-six to forty-one years, and people in Canada probably live as long as in any other part of the world. But our census statistics, which may be depended upon undoubtedly show that the proportion of old people to the total population is steadily increasing. In 1871 out of every 10,000 there were 364 who had attained the age of 65 years or upwards. In 1881 there were 413; in 1891 there were 451 and in 1901 there were 506 out of every 10,000. These are truly remarkable figures, showing a gain in thirty years time of 142 persons in every ten thousand who attain the age of sixty-five. And the largest gain was in the last decade.

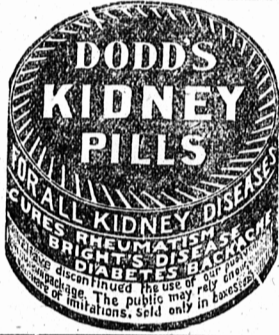
Commissioner of Lands under Premier Marchand. He was Premier for five years, when three of his colleagues, Hon. Messrs. Gouin, Weir and Turgeon resigned, owing to differences and brought on a crisis. The result was the resignation of Premier Parent and the accession of Premier Gouin who has led the party since March, 1905.

The Liberal majority in the Legislature has been overwhelmingly strong, but not very well united. On the other hand the small Conservative minority led by Hon. P. E. Leblanc has been quite united and aggressive. But in twenty by-elections since the general election of 1904 only a single Conservative has been returned, and there were but six Conservatives in the late House of 74 members. It would be an altogether complete overturn were it possible for so small a minority to now obtain the victory. But that is scarcely possible. What is expected is that a few more Conservatives, with a sprinkling of Nationalists and Castors will be elected making together at best an Opposition of fifteen, perhaps.

Some Conservative journals are remarking upon Sir Frederick Borden's back-down in regard to taking 50 per cent of the militia with the permanent force to the Quebec celebration. In the first place there has been no "back-down." The rail ways could not handle the transportation in the height of the tourist season without interfering with or

POLITICS IN QUEBEC.

The Liberal party obtained control of the Province of Quebec at the provincial election in May 1897. A strong administration was formed under the late Hon. F. G. Marchand, who led his party with a firm hand and made a capital record. Premier Marchand died in September 1900 and was succeeded in the leadership by Hon. S. N. Parent who had been



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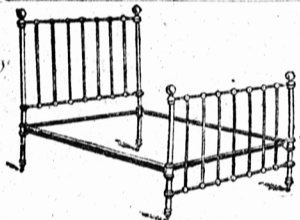
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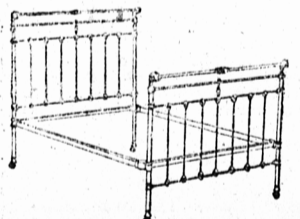
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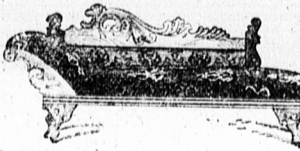
Saturday night, May 30th, at 10 p. m. the contest ends. Sales certificates will not be given with any transaction after that date.



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inary travel. But if there had been a real back-down, would be more creditable than the original plan. The country could ill afford to transport an army to Quebec for purely spectacular purposes. It would be very great and the advantage to the militia force would probably be less than the regular drill in camp. Anyway, who should so much fuss be made over the anniversary of the founding of Quebec?



SADIE CALHOUN.

Presenting "Lena Rivers" and "Miss Calvert of Louisiana."

The winsome Southern actress Sadie Calhoun, whom all remember as "Sweet Clover"—"Dixie"—"My Dixie Girl" and Dora in "Dora Thorne," will entertain at the Opera House on June 3, 4, 5, when she will present, for popular approval, two intensely interesting plays, "Lena Rivers," a dramatization of Mary J. Holmes' novel of the same name, and "Miss Calvert of Louisiana," a story of Southern life dealing with the race problem, by Miss Calhoun.

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s'pose there's nothin' finer than that good old "Beulah Land," and when our Lizzie sings it you can see the glories grand, When Rocks of Ages rings out from the hallelujah shore, I tell you this oh sinner ain't a goin' to Drift no more; And when they did strike Amazin Grace, each feller singing free—

The Lord—He understands it so it's good enough for me

It isn't what you're singing—why I oftentimes forget And praise the Lord to music with the good old alphabet. Until I strike the words again, and I don't think it's wrong—I isn't what is in it, but the soul behind the song. So, I tell you, Professor Triggs, you'd better let 'em be— The Lord, He understands 'em so they're good enough for me

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