

# THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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## THE BIRTHRATE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The last census in France, which is partially taken once in five years, has caused increased anxiety in regard to the birthrate. Outside of the department in which Paris is situated, and which gains considerably by immigration, the nation gained only 39,000 in numbers in five years. Even this small gain was more than offset by the immigration, so that it becomes apparent that not enough children are born in France to offset the mortality. It is stated as a fact that in the year 1900 the excess of deaths over births in all France outside the Department of the Seine was 26,000. In fact during a decade in which Germany gained four millions and Russia probably twice as many the population of France, except for a limited influx from abroad, stood practically stationary.

It has been ascertained that in England there are also some sections where the birthrate is very low and is decreasing from year to year. Britain is very far from the condition of sterility into which France has fallen, but it is found that there is nevertheless a steady decline in the number of births per thousand of population. In the ten years ended with 1851 there were 35 children born for every 1,000 inhabitants. In 1861-71 the rate was a little over 37, and in 1871-81 it reached the high-water mark of 38 in 1,950. The last census shows it to have been but 31.57 per 1000 in the preceding ten years. This rate is still high compared with New England or Ontario, but the fact of a very considerable decrease in recent years causes comment.

It is worthy of note that while there are fewer births in a given population in recent years, there are also fewer deaths. Within the ten years covered by the latest census statistics there was a decline of 1.7 per thousand in the death-rate. The mortality among young children has been lessened by improved sanitary conditions and in other ways. In the seventies and eighties when the birthrate was at its highest the annual mortality was greater by three or four per thousand than it is at present. It was but a doubtful advantage that more children were born into the world, only to die in infancy. It is true that the lessened mortality does not fully balance the decrease in births. It is also true that a steadily decreasing birthrate is not characteristic of France alone, but of Austria, Belgium, England, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Prussia, the United States, Canada and Australia. It seems indeed to be an incident of modern social conditions that there shall be fewer births, although the decline varies much between different countries.

### THE EXHIBITION OPEN.

Very fortunately the threatening sky of yesterday morning cleared in the afternoon and gave fair weather for the formal opening of the exhibition. And the large crowd of our own people present were ready to admit that the display is quite equal to anything shown at any agricultural and industrial fair yet held on the Island. This is saying much, for we have had some grand displays in the past. Good judges pronounce the fruit exhibit to be far in advance of what was shown at either Halifax or St. John this year. In grain, roots and vegetables we never fear comparison with our sister Provinces, and in dairy products Island exhibitors have grown accustomed to setting the pace for both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Of course every visitor is here to see for him or herself, and many of them have witnessed the display made by our farmers, stockraisers fruit-growers and dairymen in past years and not a few have seen what the other Provinces east and west can do on a similar occasion. We are pleased to have with us a goodly number of visitors from the Mainland, in order that their eyes, which have been opening for years past, may become wide open to the fact that the Island is foremost in agriculture among the Provinces of Eastern Canada. It is better that they should see for themselves than merely be told of the fact through the medium of the press.

The Guardian is pleased with the Exhibition in all departments. The number of entries is large. In grain, roots and vegetables, fruits and flowers, and dairy products the display is most creditable to Island exhibitors in quantity, variety and excellence. The stock pens are well filled, with creditable specimens of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. There may be those who remember a better display in live stock in one or more of these lines, for the conditions and demands of markets and production have changed in recent years somewhat, but any intelligent visitor will admit that the how of animals is creditable to those exhibiting them, and give the visitor a highly favorable impression of what the

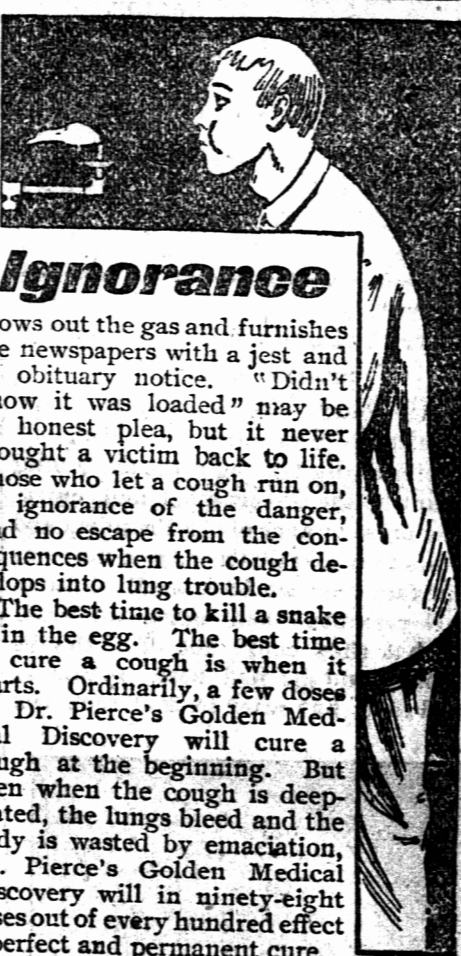
Island is doing.

Written large all over the face of the Exhibition is the patent fact that Prince Edward Island is a land of plenty where the tillers of the soil enjoy a goodly heritage and where the toil and skill of the husbandman are well rewarded. There is an air of thrift and prosperity about it all that is pleasing to look upon. This is shown alike in the products of the field and the stockyard and in the persons of exhibitors and visitors. For our little insular community, largely made up of agriculturists, is probably not less prosperous and content than any similar community in Canada or the world.

It turns out that M. Pelletan, the French Minister of Marine who made the sensational speech at B. Zerb's the other day, is a journalist and quite new to ministerial responsibility. His speech gave offence to Italy with whom France has been of late desirous to cultivate friendly relations. Pelletan was forced to explain that his threats were not aimed at Italy but at England. This only transferred the storm to another quarter and Pelletan made another explanation, that he did not mean to threaten England but only to assert that in these days of dominant force France was prepared for any emergency. He has been severely taken to task by the more thoughtful French journals. It is believed also that his rash speech which has required so many explanations has tended to hasten the fall of the Combes administration.

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